James Taylor Quartet – A Taste Of Cherry (2006)

01. Joe's Diversions 02 Opening Our Eyes 03 A Taste of Cherry 04 Kick It 05 Your Kind of Loving 06 Dreaming of You 07 Summer Song 08 Equinox 09 The In-Between 10 Dr Grits 11 It's All Over Nigel Wallace Price - Guitar Neil Robinson - Drums Nick Smart -Flugelhorn, Trumpet Snowboy - Percussion James Taylor Jr. - Moog Synthesizer, Organ (Hammond), Piano, Vibraphone Yvonne Yanney - Vocals

When I stumbled upon the James Taylor Quartet for the first time, I wasn't sure what to think about this UK band that had the funk soul of James Brown, not James Taylor (US known James Taylor, that is). This was fun and new for me. I typically have to be 'in the mood' to listen to jazz as my first inclination is to tune to the rock genre. However, this group has me hooked. I've bought almost all of their albums and listen to them often. In fact, I now have a Pandora station set up based on the JTQ.

I never really cared for the Hammond B organ style that was prevalent with the 60s groups like the Doors. Somehow, JTQ brings this instrument back to life. The tight syncopated rhythms are infectious. I think this album best embodies the group's style. If you don't like this album, you won't like any others by them. --- D. M. Kemp, amazon.com

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