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1 *La Sitera* 2 *He Perdido Contigo* 3 *Donde Estabas Tu* 4 *Mariposita De Primavera* 5 *Canta Lo Sentimental* 6 *Ella Y Yo* 7 *No Me Vayas A Engacar* 8 *No Me Llores Mas* 9 *Veinte Acos* 10 *El Hombre Que Yo Ame - (The Man I Love)* 11 *Siempre En Mi Corazon* ORQUESTA BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB Omara Portuondo, Lead Vocal Eliades Ochoa, Guitar and Vocals Jesus Aguaje Ramos, MD, Trombone, Vocals Guajiro Mirabal, Trumpet Barbarito Torres, Laud Papi Oviedo, Tres Pedro Pablo, Double Bass Rolando Luna, Piano Idania Valdés, Vocals and Minor Percussion Carlos Calunga, Vocals Alberto La Noche, Bongos Filiberto Sánchez, Timbales Coayo, Congas Luis Alemany, Trumpet Guajirito Mirabal, Trumpet

A beautifully executed and produced album by Omara Portuondo, the only woman to appear on the original Buena Vista Social Club recordings. Portuondo, who is one of Cuba's most acclaimed musicians and a featured performer at the Tropicana, has shown here that, at 70, she still possesses the qualities that helped develop her stardom on her native island. This recording, which covers a variety of traditional musical styles, from son to guajira to bolero, makes it easy to see why critics have called her the Edith Piaf of Cuba and "The Fiancée of Feeling." The style, especially on the second track, "He Perdido Contigo," evokes a nostalgic, old-fashioned sentiment, and the songwriting is classic. Featured performers include Rubén González on piano, Eliades Ochoa and Compay Segundo on guitar, and a full string section including Angel and Arelis Zaldívar. The performances are lively and tight, creating an album that feels nearly perfect. A full set of liner notes, including English translations of all of the lyrics, makes the album even more accessible. ---Stacia Proefrock, Rovi

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