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01. *Love Is A Many Splendored Thing*
02. *A Summer Place*
03. *Maria*
04. *Never On Sunday*
05. *As Time Goes By*
06. *The Exodus Song*
07. *Moon River*
08. *Tonight (From West Side Story)*
09. *The Second Time Around*
10. *Tender Is The Night*
11. *It Might As Well Be Spring*
12. *Three Coins In The Fountain*

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