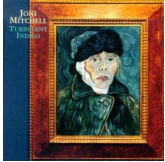


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Musicians: Joni Mitchell - vocals, guitar, bass Jim Keltner - drums (1) Larry Klein - bass, organ, percussion Michael Landau - guitar electric (2, 3) Greg Leisz - guitar pedal steel (7, 8) Seal - vocals (3) Wayne Shorter - sax soprano (1, 4, 7, 8) Carlos Vega - drums (3, 4, 7) Stewart Smith - guitar (3) Bill Dillon - synth (9) Charles Valentino, Kris Kello – backing vocals (9)

Joni Mitchell returned to the relatively spare style of albums like *Hejira* and her early folk collections on *Turbulent Indigo*, emphasizing her acoustic guitar strumming and singing on a series of songs that detail the political and social discontent she had previously explored on *Dog Eat Dog* and *Chalk Mark in a Rain Storm*. In the brief opener, "Sunny Sunday," a woman tries to shoot out a streetlight with a pistol and misses every night, a metaphor for the individual's futile struggle against civilization, and Mitchell repeats much the same message in songs like "Sex Kills," a generalized criticism of everything from lawyers to the hole in the ozone layer; "Turbulent Indigo," which describes the inability of people to understand artists; "Last Chance Lost," which treats romantic disappointment; and "Not to Blame," about spousal abuse. The low-key music and restrained vocals stand in contrast to the lyrics -- over and over, Mitchell's imagery refers to guns and violence. *Turbulent Indigo* provides a disturbing view of modern life made all the more compelling by its calm presentation. ---William Ruhlmann, Rovi

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