Spencer Davis Group – Their First LP (1965)

01. My Babe (Hatfield) - 2:35 02. Dimples (John Lee Hooker) - 2:17 play 03. Searchin' (J.Leiber, M.Stoller) - 2:35 04. Every Little Bit Hurts (E.Cobb) - 3:23 05. I'm Blue (Gong Gong Song) (Turner) - 2:39 06. Sittin' And Thinkin' (Spencer Davis) - 2:54 07. I Can't Stand It (Smokey McAllister) - 2:07 08. Here Right Now (Steve Winward) - 3:09 09. Jump Back (Rufus Thomas) - 1:42 10. It's Gonna Work Out Fine (Lee, Seneca) - 3:00 11. Midnight Train (Alvin Roy, Gerry Hicks) - 2:38 12. It Hurts Me So (Steve Winward) - 2:52
play

Personnel: - Spencer Davis - lead vocals (6), guitar, harmonica - Steve Winwood - lead vocals, guitar, piano, harmonica - Mervyn "Muff" Winwood - vocals, bass guitar - Peter York - drums + - Kenny Salmon - organ (4)

The group's first album is basically a reflection of their early repertoire and very heavy on the R&B/soul standards. Dominated by covers of Ike & Tina Turner, the Coasters, John Lee Hooker, Little Walter, Brenda Holloway, and others, only three of the tunes are original. Two of these are written by Stevie Winwood, the other by Spencer Davis; Winwood's mid-tempo soul number "It Hurts Me So" is easily the best of them. Winwood is in fine voice and the group is energetic, but this is neither as good as their best work nor nearly as good as the best British R&B albums of the era by competitors like Them and the Rolling Stones. Includes their first two British singles, "Dimples" and "I Can't Stand It." ---Richie Unterberger, AllMusic Review

Spencer Davis Group is a sixties beat group from the United Kingdom. The band is best known for their Top Ten singles "Gimme Some Lovin" and "I'm a Man." Founded in 1963, the group went through several different lineup changes during their three stints as a performing act with

guitarist Spencer Davis being the sole founding member. Davis continues to tour around the globe with two separate backing bands who support him in North America and Europe.

Spencer Davis, drummer Peter York and brothers bassist Muff and singer/keyboardist Steve Winwood as the Rhythm and Blues Quartette. The band changed their name to the Spencer Davis Group after they were signed to Fontana Records. They released Their First LP in 1965 and it was a Top Ten hit for the band in the U.K. ---Joseph Ulibas, axs.com

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