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1. "Pride of Man" – 4:08 2. "Light Your Windows" – 2:38 3. "Dino's Song" – 3:08 4. "Gold and Silver" – 6:43 5. "It's Been Too Long" – 3:01 6. "The Fool" – 12:07 Personnel  
John Cipollina - Lead Guitar Gary Duncan - Guitar, Vocals David Freiberg - Bass Guitar, Vocals, Viola Greg Elmore – Drums

Quicksilver Messenger Service's debut effort was a little more restrained and folky than some listeners had expected, given their reputation for stretching out in concert. While some prefer the mostly live *Happy Trails*, this self-titled collection is inarguably their strongest set of studio material, with the accent on melodic folk-rock. Highlights include their cover of folksinger Hamilton Camp's "Pride of Man," probably their best studio track; "Light Your Windows," probably the group's best original composition; and founding member Dino Valenti's "Dino's Song" (Valenti himself was in jail when the album was recorded). "Gold and Silver" is their best instrumental jam, and the 12-minute "The Fool" reflects some of the best and worst traits of the psychedelic era. --- Richie Unterberger, [allmusic.com](http://allmusic.com)

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