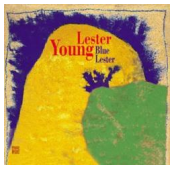
## Lester Young - Blue Lester (Records Of 1942-1949)




*1.The Man I Love04:50 2.These Foolish Things03:11 3.Jump Lester Jump03:19 4.Polka Dots And Moonbeams03:28 5.Too Marvelous For Words03:00 6.She's Funny That Way03:21 7.Just You, Just Me03:10 8.Ghost Of A Chance03:29 9.I Never Knew03:09 10.Blue Lester03:24 11.Lester Leaps Again03:15 12.Peg O' My Heart04:04 13.I Got Rhythm03:18 14.Back To The Land03:52 15.I Want To Be Happy03:58 16.I'm Confessin'02:32 17.Indiana04:53 18.I Can't Get Started04:56 19.Body And Soul05:05* Musicians: Lester Young (tenor saxophone); Jesse Drakes (trumpet); Count Basie, Junior Mance (piano); Freddie Green (guitar); Rodney Richardson (bass); Shadow Wilson, Cozy Cole (drums).

Basically Young's Savoy Master Takes, Blue Lester finds the svelte tenor innovator on a prime mix of sides from 1944 and 1949. As was the trend of most swing soloists by the mid-'40s, Young heads up a few different extended combos here, featuring the likes of pianist Johnny Guarnieri, trumpeter Jesse Drakes, drummer Cozy Cole, and old Basie bandmates Freddie Green and the Count himself. The numbers with Basie are particularly good, especially "I Don't Stand a Ghost of Chance With You" and "Back Home in Indiana." And for the topper, Young is heard in the company of the entire Basie band (Clyde Hart is on piano, though) for the three tracks that close things out. Not a bad place to start your Lester Young collection. ---Stephen Cook, Rovi

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