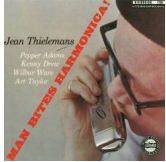


Toots Thielemans - Man Bites Harmonica (1958)



1 *East of the Sun* 7:14 2 *Don't Blame Me* 2:27 3 *18th Century Ballroom* 3:46 4 *Soul Station* 6:58 5 *Fundamental Frequency* 4:54 6 *Struttin' with Some Barbecue* 4:30 7 *Imagination* 4:27 8 *Isn't It Romantic?* 5:16

Jean "Toots" Thielemans - harmonica, guitar
Pepper Adams - baritone saxophone Kenny Drew - piano Wilbur Ware - bass Art Taylor - drums

Although he plays guitar exclusively on two of the eight selections included on this CD reissue, it is Toots Thielemans' harmonica playing that is most unique. He holds his own on a hard bop blowing date with baritonist Pepper Adams, pianist Kenny Drew, bassist Wilbur Ware and drummer Art Taylor, jamming on such songs as "East of the Sun," "Struttin' with Some Barbeque" and "Isn't It Romantic." Even four decades later, no jazz harmonica player has dethroned the great Toots. ---Scott Yanow, Rovi

Toots was a one of a kind. How many men would even try to play wonderful, bop oriented jazz on a chromatic harmonica? Not only did he try, he damned well did it, beautifully, melodically and wonderfully. If you don't have some Toots in your CD collection, then you don't have enough jazz. He is a master, a wonder and a constant delight. ---John O'Connor, amazon.com

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