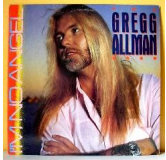


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*A1 I'm No Angel A2 Anything Goes A3 Evidence Of Love A4 Yours For The Asking
A5 Things That Might Have Been B1 Can't Keep Running B2 Faces Without Names B3
Lead Me On B4 Don't Want You No More B5 It's Not My Cross To Bear* Bass – Bruce
Waibel Drums – David "Frankie" Toler Guitar – Dan Toler Keyboards – Tim Heding
Percussion – Chaz Trippy Vocals, Guitar, Organ – Gregg Allman

Nearly ten years separate Gregg Allman's third and fourth solo albums (not counting Allman & Woman), which is quite a long stretch by anyone's standards. Of course, there were a number of reasons why Allman didn't release an album between 1977's *Playin' Up a Storm* and 1986's *I'm No Angel* -- various substance addictions, bad marriage, disappearing bands. By 1986, he had pulled it all together and crafted *I'm No Angel*, an album designed to be a comeback. After all, the title track alone was a statement of purpose, a declaration of his bad-boy ways. Since this album was released in the midst of the Reagan era, it's not only a little musically tame -- slick surfaces and keyboards dominate -- but the attitude is a little lax, too. On the title track, a song that justifiably became one of his signature tunes, the lyrics say "darn" instead of "damn," which is a little tame for someone like Allman. Still, what matters is the tune, and it's a corker -- so much so that it overshadows many of the other cuts on the record. However, *I'm No Angel* is, by and large, a solid and thoroughly enjoyable set of songs. The main problem is the production, which is a bit too much of its time. However, that's an easy flaw to overlook, especially for hardcore fans, because Allman rarely delivered a solo album as solid as this.

---Stephen Thomas Erlewine, AllMusic Review

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