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Ahmad Jamal – Ahmad Jamal's Alhambra (1961)



A1. We Kiss In A Shadow 5:04 A2. Sweet And Lovely 4:01 A3. The Party's Over 3:59 A4. Love For Sale 4:02 A5. Snow Fall 2:35 B1. Broadway 7:48 B2. Willow Weet For Me 3:59 B3. Autumn Leaves 3:52 play B4. Isn't It Romantic 4:27 play B5. The Breeze And I 2:24

Musicians: Israel Crosby- Bass Vernell Fournier- Drums Ahmad Jamal- Piano

The legendary pianist is caught on his home turf at his (then) newly-opened Alhambra night club, a pretty cool Eastern-themed place on Chicago's classy Michigan Ave. The material's standard Jamal for the time played with his trio that included Israel Crosby on bass and Vernell Fournier on drums. ---Dusty Groove.

Taken from what were probably bassist Israel Crosby's final recordings with pianist Ahmad Jamal (14 months before the bassist's unexpected death), this LP features the classic version of Jamal's Trio (with drummer Vernell Fournier) playing live at the leader's short-lived Chicago club. The interplay between the musicians was often magical, as can be heard on such numbers as "We Kiss In a Shadow," "Love for Sale," "Broadway" and "Isn't It Romantic." ----Scott Yanow

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