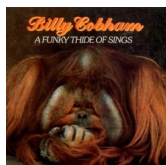


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01. Panhandler (Billy Cobham) - 4:03 02. Sorcery (Keith Jarrett) - 2:23 03. A Funky Thide Of Sings (Billy Cobham) - 3:37 04. Thinking Of You (Alex Blake) - 4:26 05. Some Skunk Funk (Randy Brecker) - 5:06 06. Light At The End Of The Tunnel (Billy Cobham) - 3:35 [play](#) 07. A Funky Kind Of Thing (Billy Cobham) - 9:11 08. Moody Modes (Milcho Leviev) - 12:02

Personnel: - Billy Cobham – synthesizer, percussion - John Scofield – guitar - Milcho Leviev – keyboards - Alex Blake – bass - Michael Brecker, Larry Schneider (01,03) – saxophone - Randy Brecker, Walt Fowler (01,03) – trumpet - Glenn Ferris – trombone - Tom Malone – trombone, piccolo (01,03) - Rebop Kwaku Baah – congas (01,03)

Generally acclaimed as fusion's greatest drummer, Billy Cobham's explosive technique powered some of the genre's most important early recordings -- including groundbreaking efforts by Miles Davis and the Mahavishnu Orchestra -- before he became an accomplished bandleader in his own right. At his best, Cobham harnessed his amazing dexterity into thundering, high-octane hybrids of jazz complexity and rock & roll aggression. He was capable of subtler, funkier grooves on the one hand, and awe-inspiring solo improvisations on the other; in fact, his technical virtuosity was such that his flash could sometimes overwhelm his music. After debuting as a leader with the classic Spectrum in 1973, Cobham spent most of fusion's glory days recording for Atlantic; briefer stints on CBS, Elektra, and GRP followed, and by the mid-'80s, Cobham was de-emphasizing his own bands in favor of session and sideman work. Even so, he continued to record for various small labels with some regularity. --- Steve Huey, All Music Guide

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