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Chico Freeman - Peaceful Heart, Gentle Spirit (1980)



1. Peaceful Heart, Gentle Spirit 7:21 2. Freedom Swing Song (Dedicated To Eric Dolphy) 7:20 3. Look Up 7:05 4. Nia's Song Dance 8:50 5. Morning Prayer 9:46 Chico Freeman - sax, flute, bass clarinet; James Netwon - flute; Kenny Kirkland - piano; Jay Hoggard - vibes; John Koenig - cello; Buster Williams - bass; Billy Hart - drums; Paulinho da Costa, Efrain Toro - percussion.

Chico Freeman (a tenor saxophonist who on this date also plays soprano, flute, alto flute, clarinet and bass clarinet) recorded many sessions in the late '70s and early '80s but this is one of his very best. Utilizing an unusual instrumentation (flutist James Newton, pianist Kenny Kirkland, vibraphonist Jay Hoggard, cello, bass, drums and two percussionists), Freeman infuses his five challenging -- but generally logical -- compositions with rich tone colors and shades. This music is stimulating and represents one of the highpoints of Freeman's rather streaky career. --- Scott Yanow, Rovi

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