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1 *Sometimes I'm Happy* 2 *Laura* 3 *Body And Soul* 4 *Say Jack* 5 *One Track* 6 *Groovin' The Blues (Take 1)* 7 *Groovin' The Blues (Take 2)* 8 *Travelin' Light* 9 *Hi Yo Silver*  
Bass – Paul Chambers Congas – Candido Drums – Osie Johnson Piano – Cliff Smalls Tenor Saxophone – Charlie Rouse Trombone – Bennie Green

Bennie Green, one of the few trombonists of the 1950s not to sound somewhat like a J.J. Johnson clone, always had a likable and humorous style. He blends in well with tenor saxophonist Charlie Rouse on these standards, blues, and jump tunes, two of which have group vocals. With a fine rhythm section (pianist Cliff Smalls, bassist Paul Chambers, drummer Osie Johnson, and Candido on congas), Green and his band show that there is no reason that swinging jazz has to be viewed as overly intellectual and esoteric. This CD (a reissue of the original LP) is a fine example of Bennie Green's talents and winning musical personality.

---Scott Yanow, allmusic.com

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