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Stanley Turrentine - Have You Ever Seen The Rain (1975)



A1 That's The Way Of The World 6:30 A2 Touching You 6:17 A3 T's Dream 7:13 B1 You 5:30 B2 Reasons 5:35 B3 Have You Ever Seen The Rain 4:00 B4 Tommy's Tune 3:30 Arranged By – Gene Page (tracks: A1, A2, A4 to B2, B4), Tommy Turrentine (tracks: A3, B3) Bass – Ron Carter (tracks: A1 to B3), Scott Edwards (tracks: B4) Conductor – Gene Page Congas – Eddie "Bongo" Brown (tracks: A1 to B3) Drums – Harvey Mason (tracks: A1), Jack DeJohnette (tracks: A2 to B4) Flugelhorn, Trumpet – Freddie Hubbard Guitar – David T. Walker, Jay Graydon Keyboards – Patrice Rushen Tenor Saxophone – Stanley Turrentine Vocals – Carolyn Willis, Jackie Ward, Jim Gilstrap, John Lehman, Marti McCall

Two former LPs are completely reissued on this single CD. The first set, Have You Ever Seen the Rain, was recorded in 1975 shortly after tenor saxophonist Stanley Turrentine left the CTI label, and it is a rather commercial effort despite a couple appearances by trumpeter Freddie Hubbard. Mr. T. plays well, as always, but the arrangements by Gene Page for an expanded rhythm section, strings, and voices are quite forgettable and Turrentine is unable to uplift the music much. The second album, 1980's Use the Stairs, has Turrentine with a big band arranged by Wade Marcus, and is more jazz-oriented, with the highlights including "The Lamp Is Low," "On a Misty Night," and "Jordu." But one should acquire Stanley Turrentine's earlier Blue Note and CTI recordings first, for those let him cut loose much more than most of his Fantasy albums. ---Scott Yanow, AllMusic Review

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