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CD 1 01. *Get Happy* 02. *'S Wonderful* 03. *Godchild* 04. *Dinah* 05. *She didn't say yes, She didn't say no* [play](#) 06. *Bernie's Tune* 07. *Lullaby of the Leaves* 08. *Utter Chaos #1* 09. *Aren't You Glad You're You* 10. *Frenesi* 11. *Nights At The Turntable* 12. *Freeway* 13. *Soft Shoe* 14. *Walkin' Shoes* 15. *Aren't You Glad You're You* 16. *Get Happy* 17. *Poinciana* 18. *Godchild* 19. *Makin' Whoopee* 20. *Cherry* 21. *Motel* 22. *Carson City Stage*

CD 2

01. *My Old Flame* 02. *All The Things You Are* 03. *Love Me or Leave Me-alt tk* 04. *Love Me or Leave Me* 05. *Swinghouse-10* LP tk 06. *Swinghouse-12* LP tk 07. *Jeru*

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08. *Utter Chaos #2* 09. *Darn The Dream* 10. *Darn The Dream-alt tk* 11. *I May Be Wrong-12* LP tk 12. *I May Be Wrong-10* LP tk 13. *I'm Beginning To See The Light-10* LP tk 14. *I'm Beginning To See The Light-12* LP tk 15. *The Nearness Of You* 16. *Tea For Two* 17. *Five Brothers* 18. *I Can't Get Started* 19. *Ide's Side* 20. *Funhouse* 21. *My Funny Valentine*

CD 3

01. *People Will Say We're in Love* 02. *Reunion* 03. *When Your Lover Has Gone* 04. *Stardust* 05. *My Heart Belongs To Daddy* 06. *Jersey Bounce* 07. *The Surrey With The Fringe On Top* 08. *Ornithology* 09. *Travelin' Light* 10. *Travelin' Light-alt tk* 11. *The Song is You*

[play](#)

12. *Gee Baby Ain't I Good To You* 13. *Gee Baby, Ain't I Good To You-alt tk* 14. *I Got Rhythm* 15. *All The Things You Are* 16. *Festive Minor*

CD4

01. *Too Marvelous For Words* 02. *Lover Man* 03. *I'll Remember April* 04. *These Foolish Things* 05. *All The Things You Are* 06. *Bernie's Rune* 07. *Almost Like Being In Love* 08. *Sextet* 09. *Broadway* 10. *I can't Believe That You're In Love With Me* 11. *Lady Be Good*

[play](#)

12. *Lady Be Good-alt tk* 13. *Between The Devil And The Deep Blue Sea* 14. *This Time The Dream's On Me* 15. *Let There Be Love* 16. *How About You?* 17. *I Guess I'll Have To Change My Plans* 18. *This Is Always-alt ver* 19. *My Old Flame* 20. *It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing* 21. *The Lady's In Love With You* 22. *I've Grown Accustomed To Your Face-alt ver* 23. *You Turned The Tables On Me*

Musicians: Chet Baker (tp), Gerry Mulligan (bs), Bobby Whitlock (b), Chico Hamilton (d), Carson Smith (b), Larry Bunker (d), Lee Konitz (as), Pete Candoli (tp), Bud Shank (as), Joe Mondragon (b) Annie Ross (v)

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Baritonist Gerry Mulligan's pianoless quartet of 1952-1953 with trumpeter Chet Baker was one of the most popular groups of the period and an influential force on West Coast Jazz. Mulligan's interplay with Baker looked back toward the collective improvisation of Dixieland but utilized up-to-date harmonies. This four-CD set overlaps with a previous (and now out-of-print) five-LP Mosaic box. In addition to all of the Pacific Jazz (as opposed to Fantasy and GNP/Crescendo) recordings of the Mulligan Quartet (including the hit version of "My Funny Valentine"), this box has a few slightly earlier titles that find Mulligan gradually forming the group (even utilizing pianist Jimmie Rowles on two songs), tunes from live sessions in which altoist Lee Konitz made the band a quintet, the 1957 Mulligan-Baker set called Reunion, and an Annie Ross date from the same period (leaving out the numbers that have Art Farmer in Baker's place). Despite both musicians remaining active for over 30 years, Mulligan and Baker only teamed up again on one occasion, for a 1970s Carnegie Hall concert released by CTI. The consistently delightful music on this box (much of which is classic) is highly recommended for all jazz collections. ---Scott Yanow, AMG

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