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1. "Mr. P.C."
2. "The Inchworm"
3. "Everytime We Say Goodbye"

Personnel:

- * John Coltrane — tenor saxophone/soprano saxophone
- * McCoy Tyner — piano
- * Jimmy Garrison — double bass
- * Elvin Jones — drums

This excellent CD by the classic John Coltrane Quartet (with pianist McCoy Tyner, bassist Jimmy Garrison, and drummer Elvin Jones) is highlighted by a 26-minute version of "Mr. P.C." Also included on the album are "The Inch Worm" and the ballad "Every Time We Say Goodbye." Although the sound and passion of the group on this date will not surprise veteran listeners, it is always interesting to hear new variations of songs already definitively recorded in the studios. The Paris Concert is recommended to all true Coltrane fanatics. ~ Scott Yanow

This was a brand new band when Coltrane played with Garrison, Jones and Tyner in 1961 (1962?). The avant garde was years away, and this show works between standards and material from Giant Steps. Of the three numbers, two are good, but it is Mr. P.C. that rules the album. The quartet jams for twenty minutes on the minor blues, changing it from a compact studio horse race into an improvisation vehicle. The blues changes on P.C. have a lemon bite and while all do well, Jimmy Garrison is king with his symphonic solo. Listen to the applause when he is through.

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