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- 1 *I Love Jazz* 2:27 Bass – Mort Herbert Clarinet – Peanuts Hucko Drums – Danny Barcelona Guitar – Al Hendrickson Piano – Billy Kyle Tenor Saxophone – Eddie Miller Trombone – Trummy Young
- 2 *Twelfth Street Rag* 5:44 Bass – Arvell Shaw Clarinet – Barney Bigard Drums – Cozy Cole Piano – Earl Hines Trombone – Jack Teagarden
- 3 *Basin Street Blues* 7:20 Bass – Mort Herbert Clarinet – Peanuts Hucko Drums – Danny Barcelona Guitar – Al Hendrickson Piano – Billy Kyle Tenor Saxophone – Eddie Miller Trombone – Trummy Young
- 4 *Skokiaan (South African Song)* 3:50 Bass – Arvell Shaw Clarinet – Barney Bigard Drums – Barrett Deems Guitar – Danny Barker Piano – Dave Martin Soprano Saxophone – Omer Simeon Trombone – Al Cobbs, Elmer Crumley, Paul Seiden Trumpet – Abdul Salaam, Charlie Shavers, Taft Jordan
- 5 *Frog-I-More Rag* 2:28 Bass – Squire Gersh Clarinet – Edmond Hall Drums – Barrett Deems Guitar – George Barnes Piano – Billy Kyle Trombone – Trummy Young
- 6 *Otchi-Tchor-Ni-Ya* 7:29 Bass – Mort Herbert Clarinet – Peanuts Hucko Drums – Barrett Deems, Danny Barcelona Guitar – Al Hendrickson Piano – Billy Kyle Tenor Saxophone – Eddie Miller Trombone – Trummy Young
- 7 *Tenderly / You'll Never Walk Alone* 7:24 Bass – Arvell Shaw Clarinet – Barney Bigard Drums – Barrett Deems Piano – Billy Kyle Trombone – Trummy Young
- 8.1 *Pretty Little Missy* 3:02 Bass – Arvell Shaw Clarinet – Barney Bigard Drums – Barrett Deems Piano – Billy Kyle Trombone – Trummy Young
- 8.2 (silence) 0:24 8.3 *Take announcement and countoff for "I Love Jazz - Take 8"* 0:04 9 *I Love Jazz (Alternative Take - Take 8)* 2:26 Bass – Mort Herbert Clarinet – Peanuts Hucko Drums – Barrett Deems, Danny Barcelona Guitar – Al Hendrickson Piano – Billy Kyle Tenor Saxophone – Eddie Miller Trombone – Trummy Young

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This eight-song LP is an excellent studio representation of Louis Armstrong & the All-Stars at work in their prime as a nostalgia act. And just because they were a nostalgia act didn't mean they didn't push the envelope given half a chance, as these recordings did. The personnel list is impressive on its own terms, with Jack Teagarden, Earl Hines, and Barney Bigard together in the small group stretching out on "Twelfth Street Rag," and if the later incarnations of the group aren't as eye-catching in their personnel, they're every bit as much of a pleasure to hear on "Skokiaan" (aka "South African Song"), "Frog-I-More Rag," or the title tune. Pianist Billy Kyle gets the spotlight for a chunk of the extended jam of "Otchi-Tchor-Ni-Ya" before Peanuts Hucko and Eddie Miller take center stage on clarinet and tenor sax. The medley of "Tenderly"/"You'll Never Walk Alone" shows off the elegant side of the ensemble's playing and makes a good contrast with the jauntier traditional Dixieland sound on most of the disc. ---Bruce Eder, AllMusic Review

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