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01. *Blues For Madeleine* 02. *When I'm Feelin' Kinda Blue* 03. *Pyramid* 04. *Nonchalance*
05. *At Dawn* 06. *The Brown-Skin Gal In The Calico Gown* 07. *Stormy Weather* 08. *Rabbit Out Of The Hat* 09. *Hash Brown* 10. *Bunny (bonus)* 11. *What's The Rush (bonus)* 12. *Back Beat (bonus)* 13. *What It's All About (bonus)* 14. *18 Carrots For Rabbit (bonus)* 15. *Shady Side (bonus)*
Johnny Hodges - Sax (Alto) Wild Bill Davis – Organ Jimmy Hamilton – Clarinet
Billy Butler – Guitar Jimmy Jones – Piano Lawrence Brown – Trombone Bob Bushnell – Bass
Herbie Lovelle, Joe Marshall, Johnny Hodges Jr. - Drums

On this collaboration between altoist Johnny Hodges and organist Wild Bill Davis, they are joined by trombonist Lawrence Brown, clarinetist Jimmy Hamilton, guitarist Billy Butler, electric bassist Bob Bushnell, either Herbie Lovelle, Joe Marshall or Johnny Hodges, Jr. on drums and, on the organless "At Dawn," apianist Jimmy Jones. Although the blues feeling (as pointed out in the liner notes) is emphasized throughout the date, many of the songs, including "The Brown Skin Gal in the Calico Gown" and "Stormy Weather," are not really blues, but only bluesy. Overall this is a fine outing, but this LP has been out of print for a couple of decades. ---Scott Yanow, Rovi

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