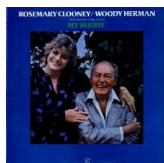


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Side 1: 01) *I Believe In Love* 02) *Summer Knows* 03) *The Glory Of Love* 04) *You're Gonna Hear From Me*
Side 2: 01) *Don't Let Me Be Lonely Tonight* 02) *I'm Beginning To See The Light* 03) *My Buddy* 04) *You've Made Me So Very Happy*

Acoustic Bass, Electric Bass – John Adams Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar – John Chiodini Arranged By – John Oddo (tracks: A1, A2, A4 to B4), Michael Patterson (tracks: A3)
Baritone Saxophone – Mike Brignola Clarinet, Alto Saxophone – Woody Herman
Conductor – John Oddo Drums, Percussion – Jeff Hamilton Piano [Acoustic Piano], Electric Piano – John Oddo Tenor Saxophone [Lead Tenor Saxophone] – Frank Tiberi
Tenor Saxophone, Flute – Jim Carroll, Mark Vinci Trombone – John Fedchock Trombone [Bass Trombone] – Randy Hawes Trombone [Lead Trombone] – Gene Smith Trumpet [Lead Trumpet], Flugelhorn – Dan Fornero Trumpet, Flugelhorn – Bill Byrne, Mark Lewis, Paul Mazzio, Scott Wagstaff Vocals – Rosemary Clooney

Considering how consistent Rosemary Clooney's CDs are for Concord, the failure of this collaboration with the Woody Herman Orchestra is a surprise. The problem is that the material is erratic, and Clooney just sounds silly interpreting such fairly recent material as "I Believe in Love" (a really terrible opener), James Taylor's "Don't Let Me Be Lonely Tonight" and "You've Made Me So Very Happy." She sounds much more comfortable on "You're Gonna Hear From Me" and a touching version of "My Buddy," but those do not fully compensate for the misfires. Also, the Herman Orchestra is largely wasted, sounding like a stage band and mostly heard in a supportive role with only a few short solos. Herman himself only emerges three times and does not make much of an impression. ---Scott Yanow, Rovi

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