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01. *I Can't Make You Love Me*
02. *Amazed*
03. *Could It Be I'm Falling In Love*
04. *If You Leave Me Now*
05. *Time After Time*
06. *Iris*
07. *Cupid*
08. *Shining Star*
09. *In My Life*
10. *Open Arms*
11. *When I Fall In Love (Feat. Michael Buble)*
12. *Back For Good*
13. *Misty Blue (Bonus Track)*

The title of Boyz II Men's third consecutive covers album is only partially indicative. The love songs covered on this disc span several decades and styles, unlike *Throwback* ('70s and early-'80s funk and soul) and *Motown: A Journey Through Hitsville USA* (self-explanatory), both of which were more focused thematically. What ties these songs together is that they are love songs, and nothing else. That early-'60s R&B (Sam Cooke's "Cupid"), late-'90s country (Lonestar's "Amazed"), and early-'80s rock (Journey's "Open Arms," a choice likely influenced by producer Randy Jackson) are all part of the mix only hints at the randomness of the selections. Despite the range of the sources, Boyz II Men tie it all together, nearly to a fault. The group makes the occasional modification to the originals, like the ticking-clock vocal effect on Cyndi Lauper's "Time After Time"; otherwise, if you know the originals, and you know Boyz II Men, you can play these versions in your head without having heard them. ---Andy Kellman, Rovi

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