UB40 - Essential (2012)

01 – Food For Thought 02 – I Think It's Going To Rain Today 03 – My Way Of Thinking 04 – 25% 05 – Don't Let It Pass You By 06 – Don't Slow Down 07 – Sardonicus 08 – Present Arms 09 – Don't Do The Crime 10 – Forget The Cost 11 – Red Red Wine 12 – Many Rivers To Cross 13 – Don't Break My Heart 14 – Homely Girl 15 – Here I Am (Come And Take Me) 16 – Higher Ground 17 – C'est La Vie 18 – Come Back Darling

We are UB40 featuring Ali Campbell, Astro and Mickey Virtue, all of us founding members of the original UB40. Ali and Mickey left the band in 2008 and were reunited with Astro when he left too in 2013.

The original line-up of UB40 with Ali, Astro and Mickey enjoyed huge success over a period of 30 years from 1979 until 2008, including number 1 album's and multiple top 10 gold and platinum selling albums and Grammy nominations, 4 number ones worldwide. Total of 70 million plus sales.

We would not want anyone to confuse Ali, Astro and Mickey's band with the band that carried on using the name UB40 after 2008 made up of other founding members and new members they tried to replace us with in their attempt to trade off the reflected glory of the success of the original line-up.

Only with Ali Campbell, the legendary voice of UB40, reunited with Astro and Mickey can audiences get to experience the closest thing to the sound of the hugely successful original line-up of UB40 as all the hits are played. They can also get to hear these three founding members' and UK reggae pioneers' latest take on the genre.

When vocalist Astro and keyboard player Mickey Virtue rejoined forces with Ali Campbell, the spirit of their old band UB40 was never going to be far from the surface. All three were founding members of the iconic Birmingham reggae troupe who topped the UK singles chart on three occasions and sold 70 million records as they took their smooth yet rootsy musical blend to all corners of the globe. ---reggaeville.com

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