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01. *Power To The People* [play](#) 02. *Gimme Some Truth* 03. *Woman* 04. *Instant Karma! (We All Shine On)* 05. *Whatever Get You Through The Night* 06. *Cold Turkey* 07. *Jealous Guy* 08. *#9 Dream* 09. *(Just Like) Starting Over* 10. *Mind Games* 11. *Watching The Wheels* 12. *Stand By Me* 13. *Imagine* [play](#) 14. *Happy Xmas (War Is Over)* 15. *Give Peace A Chance*

Part of the 2010 reissue campaign that also included the John Lennon Signature Box and the Gimme Some Truth collection, Power To The People brought together 15 of Lennon's hit singles together on one disc. The collection was issued as a single CD, a CD/DVD 'Experience Edition' that featured videos for the songs, and as digital downloads. The mixes were Lennon's original ones, but were digitally remastered at Abbey Road Studios by a team led by Allan Rouse and overseen by Yoko Ono. The DVD also contained remastered audio. The only video not also included on the Lennon Legend is for the song Gimme Some Truth, which was never actually issued as a single. --- www.beatlesbible.com

Released as part of Apple/EMI's extensive 2010 John Lennon remasters series, the single-disc Power to the People: The Hits covers familiar territory, but then again, that's the point of this collection. It's not designed to dig deep into John's catalog, it's designed as the latest iteration of the canon, replacing 1997's Lennon Legend, the last big-budget single-disc compilation.

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Power to the People is five cuts shorter than Lennon Legend, ditching album cuts "Love" and "Borrowed Time," swapping the charting singles, "Mother" and "Nobody Told Me," for the non-charting "Gimme Some Truth" and the actual number 18 hit "Mind Games," but the end result is the same: Power to the People feels interchangeable with its predecessors because it is another collection with "Imagine," "Instant Karma," "Whatever Gets You Through the Night," "Jealous Guy," "(Just Like) Starting Over," "Watching the Wheels," "Stand by Me," "#9 Dream," "Give Peace a Chance," "Power to the People," and "Happy Xmas (War Is Over)." The remasters are excellent so if you are in need of a tight Lennon comp this is a good choice but if you already have a hits collection, there's no reason to replace it. [There is also a Deluxe Edition of Power to the People which contains videos for all 15 songs, some of them original clips and some of them edits of footage assembled after the single's initial release.] ---Stephen Thomas Erlewine, AllMusic Review

Urodził się 70 lat temu, zginął z ręki szaleńca w wieku 40 lat. Obie rocznice stały się okazją do wznowienia dorobku płytowego najbardziej zbuntowanego i najbardziej rockowego beatlesa. John miał opinie artysty singlowego, co oznacza talent do tworzenia świetnych piosenek, do pisania hitów. Mamy tu więc oczywiście „Imagine”, „Mind Games”, „(Just Like) Starting Over”. Jest duet z Eltonem Johnem w manifestie swobody seksualnej „Whatever Gets You thru the Night”. Był też Lennon artysta mocno zaangażowanym w sprawy społeczne i pozostawił klasykę rockowego protestu, jak utwory „Give Peace a Chance” czy „Power to the People”. A jeżeli ktoś uzna (słusznie), że wybór przebojów to zbyt mało, może sięgnąć po piękną edycję „John Lennon Signature Box (11 CD)” i zasłuchać się w „oczyszczonych” albumach. --- Daniel Wyszogrodzki

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