

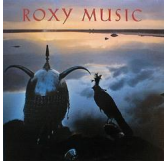
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1. *More Than This* 2. *The Space Between* 3. *Avalon* 4. *India* 5. *While My Heart Is Still Beating* 6. *The Main Thing* 7. *Take a Chance with Me* 8. *To Turn You On* 9. *True to Life* 10. *Tara* Musicians: Bryan Ferry - vocals, kryboards Andy Mackay - saxophone Phil Manzanera - guitar Neil Hubbard - guitar Alan Spenner - bass Andy Newmark - drums Jimmy Maelen – percussion

Flesh + Blood suggested that Roxy Music were at the end of the line, but they regrouped and recorded the lovely *Avalon*, one of their finest albums. Certainly, the lush, elegant soundscapes of *Avalon* are far removed from the edgy avant-pop of their early records, yet it represents another landmark in their career. With its stylish, romantic washes of synthesizers and Bryan Ferry's elegant, seductive croon, *Avalon* simultaneously functioned as sophisticated make-out music for yuppies and as the maturation of synth pop. Ferry was never this romantic or seductive, either with Roxy or as a solo artist, and *Avalon* shimmers with elegance in both its music and its lyrics. "More Than This," "Take a Chance with Me," "While My Heart Is Still Beating," and the title track are immaculately crafted and subtle songs, where the shifting synthesizers and murmured vocals gradually reveal the melodies. It's a rich, textured album and a graceful way to end the band's career. --- Stephen Thomas Erlewine, allmusic.com

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