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01. Anne Neggen - 4:05 02. *If I Were Brittania I'd Waive The Rules* - 5:51 03. *You're Opening Doors* - 4:17 04. *Quacktor And Bureaucats* - 3:51 05. *Sky High Percentage* - 5:57 06. *Heaven Knows Our Name* - 3:52 07. *Black Velvet Stallion* - 8:05 - Burke Shelley - vocals, bass - Tony Bourge - guitar - Steve Williams - drums + - Richard Dunn – keyboards

Looking for a fresh start, Budgie signed with A&M Records in 1976 and released the strangely titled *If I Were Brittania, I'd Waive the Rules*. The band continued to incorporate new elements into their sound here, showing a special interest in funk on such tracks as "Anne Neggen" and "Sky High Percentage." The stark "Black Velvet Stallion" shows an interesting use of space, but descends into boredom long before its eight minutes are up. Ironically, Budgie still sounds most at home when injecting an adventurous progressive rock flavor into songs like "Heaven Knows Your Name" and "You're Opening Doors," both of which also benefit from Tony Bourge's classy guitar harmonies. --- Eduardo Rivadavia, Rovi

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