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- 01 Don't Want You No More 03:07 play
- 02 It's Not My Cross To Bear 05:13
- 03 Ain't Wastin' Time No More 05:47
- 04 Every Hungry Woman 05:57
- 05 Please Call Home 04:31
- 06 Stand Back 05:45
- 07 Black Hearted Woman 06:31
- 08 Leave My Blues At Home 05:07
- 09 Seven Turns 04:49 play
- 10 High Falls 27:29

Personnel:

- * Gregg Allman organ, piano, acoustic guitar, vocals
- * Dickey Betts guitar, vocals
- * Derek Trucks guitar
- * Oteil Burbridge bass
- * Butch Trucks drums, percussion
- * Jaimoe drums, percussion
- * Marc Quiñones conga, percussion, vocals

Peakin' at the Beacon is a live album by the rock group The Allman Brothers Band. It was recorded at the Beacon Theatre in New York City in March, 2000, and released later that year.

When Gregg Allman was asked why Dickey Betts was kicked out of the Allman Brothers Band in the spring of 2000, he is reported to have suggested the answer lay in the tapes from the group's two-week stand at the Beacon Theatre in New York. That makes it surprising that the

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Allmans would turn to those tapes to assemble their first new album release in five and a half years, Peakin' at the Beacon. Happily, however, there is no evidence of Betts' alleged shortcomings on the disc, though it must be admitted that, since he is one of two lead guitarists (the other being Derek Trucks, making his recorded debut with the band), it isn't always easy to tell who is playing.

There is plenty of guitar work, and it is up to the Allmans' usual standard. Following the instrumental opener, Gregg Allman sings lead on seven straight songs, all of which come from the band's first three studio albums. Betts finally appears as a vocalist on the ninth track, the 1990 folk-country tune "Seven Turns." Finally, there is a 27-and-a-half-minute version of the 1975 Betts instrumental "High Falls," a typical extended workout complete with jazzy interludes and a lengthy percussion section. The Allmans may not have been due for another live album (two of their last three releases being concert recordings), but the series of Beacon shows has become an annual event, and the disc serves as a souvenir from the March 2000 shows. Fans who attended those shows, or who just want to be reassured that the Allmans sound much the same as ever, may enjoy the album; less devoted listeners probably shouldn't bother. -- William Ruhlmann, AllMusic Reviews

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