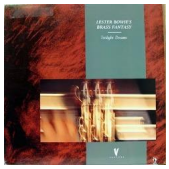
Lester Bowie's Brass Fantasy - Twilight Dreams (1987)



1. "I Am With You" 2. "Personality" (Logan, Price) 3. "Duke's Fantasy" (Waldron) 4. "Thriller" (Temperton) 5. "Night Time (Is the Right Time)" (Herman) 6. "Vibe Waltz" (Lacy) 7. "Twilight Dreams" Line Up: Lester Bowie - trumpet Vincent Chancey - french horn Frank Lacy - trombone Steve Turre - trombone Malachi Thompson - trumpet Rasul Siddik - trumpet Stanton Davis - trumpet Bob Stewart - tuba Phillip Wilson – drums

Lester Bowie's Brass Fantasy, which is comprised of four trumpets, two trombones, French horn, tuba and drums, has rarely lived up to its potential on records. Bowie has enjoyed having the band take pop tunes ("Personality" and "Night Time Is the Right Time" on this album) and distort (and sometimes satirize) them but one imagines that this approach works better in concert than on record. There are some strong moments on this hard-to-find LP (such as Bowie's trumpet-drums duet with the late Phillip Wilson on "Duke's Fantasy") but this is a hit-and-miss affair. ---Scott Yanow, Rovi

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