Alexis Cole - A Kiss In the Dark (2014)

1. Ain't We Got Fun 2. Whip-poor-will 3. Do You Ever Think Of Me 4. Limehouse Blues 5. Chicago, that Toddlin' Town 6. Bimini Bay 7. Nobody Knows You When You are Down and Out 8. After You've Gone 9. There's a Broken for Every Light on Broadway 10. A Kiss in the Dark 11. Indian Summer 12. Turn Back the Universe and Give Me Yesterday 13. Let the Rest of the World Go By 14. Till We Meet Again Alexis Cole – vocals Saul Rubin – guitar Dan Block – sax and clarinet Pat O'Leary – bass Phil Stewart – drums

The darkly alluring, deep-toned voice that embraces these timeless melodies from the parlour song era and Tin Pan Alley days (roughly 1910 to the early 1920s) belongs to the wonderful Alexis Cole.

Called "one of the great voices of today", Alexis has been compared to classic jazz singers such as Sarah Vaughan and Anita O'Day. Cole is the recipient of a Swing Journal Gold Disc award, and has won the NY Jazzmobile and Montreux Jazz Festival vocal competitions.

This time out, she goes further back in time with her quartet of guitarist Saul Rubin, saxophonist-clarinetist Dan Block, bassist Pat O'Leary and drummer Phil Stewart to a more genteel time when sheet music was the most common method of dissemination of popular tunes. With her relaxed style, clear articulation, unhurried, conversational approach and all-knowing sense of cool, Cole and her crew strike a swinging accord on nuggets like "Ain't We Got Fun," "Bimini Bay," "Whip-poor-will," the buoyantly swinging title track and ten other tunes from yesteryear in this engaging retro revue. Everything goes down nice 'n' easy on this luxurious outing, and Alexis delivers with timeless charm from track to track. ---Proper, alexiscole.com

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