

DUKE ELLINGTON GREATEST HI DUKE ELLINGTON'S GREATEST HIT'S





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Side 1
SATIN DOLL (181)
DON'T GET AROUND MUCH ANYMORE (180)
Vocal by Al Hibbler
DO NOTHING TILL YOU HEAR FROM ME (180)
Vocal by BAI Hibbler
TAKE THE "A" TRAIN (181)
Vocal by BAIV Roche
SOLITUDE (141)

Side 2 C JAM BLUES (241) MOOD INDIGO (241) I'M BEGINNING TO SEE THE LIGHT (243) PRELIDE TO A KISS (447) PERDIDO (451)

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Selecting a group of songs for an album and labeling them the Duke's greatest hits is somewhat like publishing a brief portfolio of Picasso's greatest paintings. Oh, it's easy to begin—with "A"Train, just to make it simple. (Incidentally, this is possibly the most exciting Train extant, with the rocking Duke-plus-rhythm intro and Betty Roche's sexy scatting.) But then where do you go? And, well, where do you stop?

Maybo you could do a ten-LP set and begin to do the project justice with a hundred-or-so selections. But even with such a package, thousands of idolators all over the world would whine, "How could they possibly leave out such-and-such!" That's the way it is when you dare to pick his greatest.

To say that the Duke is a towering plant of jazz music is to be obvious and, worse, it doesn't begin to say enough. He is so much more, an intrinsic part of the very pulse of this sad, beat-up century—a sweet, beautiful part. A year or so age the Pulltzer people turned him down for a prize Pulltzer, Schmulitzer, this man rates the Nabal.

So, perhaps this album might more accurately be titled "Ten Great Tastes of Ellington." And that's about as tasty as you can get.

—Gil McKean



CL 1715/CS 85



CL 1085/CS 8053*



CL 934/CS 8648*



C3L 2



C3L 39

Stereo