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1. *Soul Tender* - 3:08 2. *Juicehead Man* - 5:01 3. *All Alone* - 5:12 4. *The Gift* - 4:01 5. *Face The Music* - 5:13 6. *Back In Love Again* - 5:49 7. *For Real* - 3:00 8. *Johnny And Me* - 4:33 9. *The Night Thing* - 5:57 10. *All My Love* - 4:49 11. *Lip Service* - 3:33 12. *Brokenhearted Fool* - 4:14 13. *Shine Clear With Joy* - 2:03 Liz Mandville Greeson - vocals, washboard, acoustic guitar; Phil Baron, Alan Batts - piano; Billy Branch - harmonica; Tom Culver - cello; Mike Gibb, Mark Wydra - guitar; Dave Kaye - bass; Twist Turner - drums; Sonny Seals - tenor sax; Ann Bridges, Del Brown, Precious Jewel, Bruce Thompson - background vocals; The Chicago Fire Horns [Hank Ford, tenor; Bill McFarland, trombone; Kenny Anderson, trumpet]

Liz Mandville Greeson is a talented, soulful, and versatile singer. Blues-based and at her best in that idiom, she can also sing with the ferocious passion of Janis Joplin, she leads a gospel-style a cappella group on "Shine Clear with Joy," and she straddles the boundaries between blues, R&B, country, and folk, with doses of rock here and there. Even more impressive is that she wrote all 13 of the songs on *Back in Love Again*. Joined by a crack backup group, Liz Mandville Greeson puts on a colorful and memorable show throughout this recommended set. ---Scott Yanow, AllMusic Review

Now this really hits the mark. Ms Mandville Greeson sings straight from the heart. You just don't get this kind of honesty too often. Don't worry guys; you won't be buying a feminist rant. There is humour in the lyrics and the musicians are first class.

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Once more into the music, dear friends. BluesBunny's favourite tracks were "Johnny and Me" featuring Billy Branch on harmonica, the bluesy "All My Love" and the saucy "Lip Service". The album ends with the gospel tinged "Shine Clear With Joy". Ms Mandville Greeson also wrote nearly every song. She appears to have learned many lessons from life on matters of the heart and presents them all here.

Plenty of substance here so this album will no doubt remain near the top of the BluesBunny playlist for a long time. --- bluesbunny.com

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