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1 *Toughin'* 7:24 2 *Drought* 8:57 3 *For Love Of What* 9:08 4 *Impact* 11:14 5 *In The Trenches* 7:12 [download](#) Personnel: Bass – Ugonna Okegwa Drums – Ralph Van Duncan Piano – Alain Jean-Marie Trumpet – Charles Tolliver

Tolliver is joined by a trio of remarkably proficient, European-based musicians on this recording because, as he notes, his usual group experienced transportation problems. After only one rehearsal, Guadeloupean-born Alain Jean Marie(piano), British-born/West Germany-reared Ugonna Okegwo(bass), and American ex-patriate Ralph Van Duncan (drums) were able to play Tolliver's music with exceptional expertise.

Four of Tolliver's distinctive compositions are given extended treatment, allowing each musician to exhibit his improvisational expertise. Once again we have aural evidence of the existence of musicians outside of the USA who can play this music and play it skillfully as their American brothers. Tolliver's bright, well-rounded trumpet sound is front and center here, to remind listeners that the horn can be played with a kind of controlled fury, while at the same time bursting forth with the dynamic lyricism that marked the playing of Clifford Brown and Lee Morgan.

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