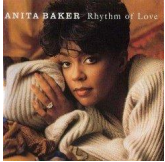


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1. *Rhythm of Love* 5:50 2. *The Look of Love* 4:47 3. *Body and Soul* 5:42 4. *Baby* 4:25 5. *I Apologize* 5:09 6. *Plenty of Room* 4:57 7. *It's Been You* 4:59 8. *You Belong to Me* 4:41 9. *Wrong Man* 5:51 10. *Only for a While* 5:16 11. *Sometimes I Wonder Why* 4:37 12. *My Funny Valentine* 5:06
Anita Baker - Vocals Andy Snitzer - Saxophone George Duke – Piano, Arranger, Producer Greg Phillinganes - Keyboard Barry J. Eastmond - Piano, Strings, Synthesizer Bucky Pizzarelli, Dean Parks, Ira Siegel – Guitar Michael Thompson - Guitar (Rhythm) Nathan East, Anthony Jackson, James Genus - Bass Steve Ferrone - Drums Steve Thornton, Bashiri Johnson – Percussion

As the 1990s progressed, Anita Baker was sounding more and more contrived. One hoped that someone with so appealing a voice would challenge herself and try something different -- perhaps recording more standards or exploring straight-ahead jazz (which she's obviously quite capable of doing). But instead of gambling with inspiration and risking a decline in sales, Baker tends to play it safe and offers a disc that often sounds like formula at work. Though *Rhythm of Love* is a generally decent album and even contains a few gems (including the dusky "Wrong Man," the torchy "Sometimes I Wonder Why," and heartfelt interpretations of "My Funny Valentine" and "The Look of Love"), Baker is capable of a lot more. The diva gives the impression that she desperately needs to follow Natalie Cole's lead and get away from catering to radio. –Alex Henderson, Rovi

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