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A1 *Sardegna Amore (New Is Full Of Lonely People)* 6:20 A2 *3 In 1 (Three In One)* 9:32
A3 *BBB (Duet)* 5:52 B1 *God Has Smiled On Me (Traditional Gospel)* 18:02 B2 *The 5th Power (Finale)* 4:58 Alto Saxophone – Arthur Blythe Bass – Malachi Favors Drums – Phillip Wilson Piano, Vocals – Amina Myers Trumpet – Lester Bowie

This quintet is loaded with expressive talent. Blythe and Myers are the outsiders here, yet their different kinds of playing--Blyth is swaggeringly verbose, Myers a gospelish spirit--add new flavours to Bowie's sardonic music. ---camjazz.com

First of, *Sardegna Amore* is a classic! He also did this as "New York Is Full Of Lonely People" on the *Urban Bushman* album. This album has more the free and loose spirit of jazz in the late 70s/ early 80s than what he did in the last decade of his life with the pop tunes and rap. It definitely is a different facet of his trumpet playing, and it all Great Fun, as music was for Mr. Bowie. ---amazon.com

The *5th Power* is a live album by Lester Bowie recorded for the Italian Black Saint label and released in 1978. It was recorded during a concert tour of Europe by Bowie's group "From the Roots to the Source" and features performances by Bowie, Arthur Blythe, Amina Claudine

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Myers, Malachi Favors and Phillip Wilson. Creative jazz and a progressive gospel segment. Bowie at his eclectic best. Essential. ---musicaenespiral.blogspot.com

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