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1 *Heart And Soul* 2 *True Confession* 3 *The One Rose That's Left In My Heart* 4 *Two Dreams Got Together* 5 *I Double Dare You* 6 *Always And Always* 7 *Our Love Is Here To Stay* 8 *Martha* 9 *You're An Education* 10 *Romance In The Dark* 11 *You Go To My Head* 12 *Cry, Baby, Cry* 13 *I Married An Angel* 14 *If It Rains, Who Cares?* 15 *Put Your Heart In A Song* 16 *My Reverie* 17 *At Long Last Love* 18 *Summer Souvenirs* 19 *Old Folks* 20 *Who Blew Out The Flame?* 21 *My Heart Belongs To Daddy* 22 *Over The Rainbow* 23 *Deep Purple* 24 *I Want My Share Of Love* 25 *The Masquerade Is Over* 26 *Kiss The Boys Goodbye* Larry Clinton And His Orchestra (tracks: 1-25) RCA Victor Studio Orchestra (tracks: 26) Vocals – Bea Wain

Few famous singers have, like Vera Lynn, lived to enjoy their own centenary, but one such was Bea Wain whose 100th birthday fell on 30 April 2017. 78 years before that event Bea was voted the Number One female band singer in Billboard magazine college poll of 1939 – ahead of the likes of Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and Mildred Bailey! Aided by a suitably sparkling personality, she covered the spectrum of popular music through ballads, jazz and blues in a warmly expressive but understated swing style. And record buyers responded by giving her 25 big hits with the Larry Clinton band ... every one of which is included in this, Retrospective's centenary tribute (plus a bonus of her single major hit as a solo artist: *Kiss the Boys Goodbye*).

Of Bea's 20 Top 10 hits, four made No.1: *Cry, Baby, Cry*, *My Reverie*, *Heart and Soul* and *Deep Purple*, while another 'jazzed-up classic', *Martha*, was No.2. Her Larry Clinton debut, *True Confession*, *You're an Education*, *You Go to My Head* and *Summer Souvenir* also made the top three – all these within a 14-month period! She was also the first artist to record *Over the Rainbow* (No.10). Her wonderful life finally ended on 19 August 2017 when she died just a few months after celebrating her centenary. Retrospective's *Heart and Soul* now takes us back to her 1938 heyday when Bea Wain poured her 'heart and soul' into so many fine recordings.

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