

## Billie Holiday – Greatest Hits (1995)

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01. Billie Holiday-Same Old Story (3:11) 02. Billie Holiday-Nice Work If You Can Get It (3:09)  
03. Billie Holiday-Night And Day (2:59) 04. Billie Holiday-Georgia On My Mind (3:18) 05. Billie  
Holiday-Body & Soul (2:59) 06. Billie Holiday-Am I Blue (2:50) 07. Billie Holiday-St. Louis  
Blues (2:53) 08. Billie Holiday-Easy To Love (3:12) 09. Billie Holiday-I Can't Give You Anything  
But Love (Baby) (3:28) 10. Billie Holiday-All Of Me (3:01) 11. Billie Holiday-I've Got My Love  
To Keep Me Warm (2:56) 12. Billie Holiday-Let't Call The Whole Thing Off (2:39) 13. Billie  
Holiday-The Man I Love (3:06) 14. Billie Holiday-Pennies From Heaven (3:17) 15. Billie  
Holiday-Can't Help LovinDat Man (3:16) 16. Billie Holiday-They Can't Take That Away From  
Me (3:03) 17. Billie Holiday-The Very Thought Of You (2:46) 18. Billie Holiday-Summertime  
(2:54)

Before Billie Holiday, pop and jazz vocalists were actors, emoting their songs from an imaginative perspective. Only the blues valued singers who sang as if they'd lived the trials and tribulations of their lyrics. Holiday changed all that, marshalling a memorable amalgam of infallible technique, indubitable spirit, and what would come to be called "soul". Born in Baltimore in the 1910s, she caught early breaks with Benny Goodman, Count Basie, and Artie Shaw in the 30s, and by 1941, she'd arrived in full force with her own composition "God Bless the Child". Peppered by drug problems, jail time, failed marriages, and heart trouble, Holiday's personal life was anything but enviable, but the catalogue of music she left is essential in the whole, bolstered regularly by huge reissues, film portrayals like 1972's *Lady Sings the Blues* (starring Diana Ross as Holiday), and an enduring cult of personality. ---amazon.com

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