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## Gary Thomas - While The Gate Is Open (1990)



1.Strode Rode (Sonny Rollins) 8:02 2.Star Eyes (Raye, De Paul) 7:22 3.You Stepped Out Of A Dream (Nacio Herb Brown) 7:53 4.The Song Is You (Jerome Kern) 7:26 5.Invitation (Bronislaw Kaper) 9:55 6.Chelsea Bridge (Billy Strayhorn) 5:34 7.On The Trail (Ferde Grofe) 6:43 8.Epistrophy (Thelonious Monk) 5:39 Gary Thomas - tenor saxophone, flute Kevin Eubanks - guitar (1,5,6,8) Renee Rosnes - piano, synthesizer 2,3,8) Dave Holland - bass (1,2,3,6) Anthony Cox - bass (4,5,7,8) Dennis Chambers - Drums (6) Recorded at The Hit Factory, NYC, May 1990.

After having avoided standards during his first few recordings, tenor saxophonist Gary Thomas surprised his followers with While the Gate Is Open, which contains such jazz themes as "Star Eyes," "The Song Is You," "On the Trail," and "Epistrophy." With assistance on some selections by guitarist Kevin Eubanks, keyboardist Renee Rosnes, Dave Holland or Anthony Cox on bass, and drummer Dennis Chambers, Thomas gives the eight tunes fresh treatments and as usual avoids all clichés (and the logic of bop) in his explorative improvisations. ---Scott Yanow, Rovi

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