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1. *Flame Sky* 20:04 2. *Naima* 15:48 [play](#) 3. *The Live Divine* 20:10 4. *A Love Supreme* 19:33  
Line-Up: John McLaughlin - Guitar  
Carlos Santana - Guitar Larry Young - Organ Armando Peraza - Percussion Doug Rouch - Bass Billy Cobham - Drums

From their Mahavishnu/Devadip days, this recording features Larry Young on organ, Doug Rouch on bass, Armando Perezza on percussion and Billy Cobham on drums. There's some blazing guitar work, but the CD sounds like it was taped on a cassette deck from FM using automatic level control. There's little deep bass or high end above 5KHz or so and you can hear compression kick in all the time. If you can hear past that (and some flutter and phasiness and level irregularities) this is a valuable musical document of some powerful spiritually-driven music from two of the masters of electric guitar (and devotees of Sri Chinmoy, a creative spiritual "guru" who generated seemingly endless streams of poetry, art and music every day) during a period when both were "clean and sober" and channeling their music from a very Coltrane-like consciousness, exemplified by "A Love Supreme" and "Naima." The fact that it's a 1993 (non-Columbia) German release from a 1974 performance may explain some of this. ---Douglas Current, amazon.com

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