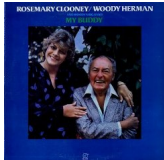# Rosemary Clooney & Woody Herman – My Buddy (1983)

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Side 1: *01) I Believe In Love 02) Summer Knows 03) The Glory Of Love 04) You're Gonna Hear From Me*   Side 2: *01) Don't Let Me Be Lonely Tonight 02) I'm Beginning To See The Light 03) My Buddy 04) You've Made Me So Very Happy*
    Acoustic Bass, Electric Bass – John Adams   Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar – John Chiodini   Arranged By – John Oddo (tracks: A1, A2, A4 to B4), Michael Patterson (tracks: A3)
    Baritone Saxophone – Mike Brignola   Clarinet, Alto Saxophone – Woody Herman   Conductor – John Oddo   Drums, Percussion – Jeff Hamilton   Piano [Acoustic Piano], Electric Piano – John Oddo   Tenor Saxophone [Lead Tenor Saxophone] – Frank Tiberi   Tenor Saxophone, Flute – Jim Carroll, Mark Vinci   Trombone – John Fedchock   Trombone [Bass Trombone] – Randy Hawes   Trombone [Lead Trombone] – Gene Smith   Trumpet [Lead Trumpet], Flugelhorn – Dan Fornero   Trumpet, Flugelhorn – Bill Byrne, Mark Lewis, Paul Mazzio, Scott Wagstaff   Vocals – Rosemary Clooney

Considering how consistent Rosemary Clooney's CDs are for Concord, the failure of this collaboration with the Woody Herman Orchestra is a surprise. The problem is that the material is erratic, and Clooney just sounds silly interpreting such fairly recent material as "I Believe in Love" (a really terrible opener), James Taylor's "Don't Let Me Be Lonely Tonight" and "You've Made Me So Very Happy." She sounds much more comfortable on "You're Gonna Hear From Me" and a touching version of "My Buddy," but those do not fully compensate for the misfires. Also, the Herman Orchestra is largely wasted, sounding like a stage band and mostly heard in a supportive role with only a few short solos. Herman himself only emerges three times and does not make much of an impression. ---Scott Yanow, Rovi

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