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1 *In Love In Vain* 6:16 2 *You Leave Me Breathless* 5:59 3 *A Handful Of Stars* 8:15 4
Come Rain Or Come Shine 6:37 5 *April In Torino* 6:09 6 *Night Has A Thousand Eyes* 8:11
7 *Flamingo* 5:34 8 *Breezin' Along With The Breeze* 5:56 9 *A Portrait Of Jenny* 7:12 10
Softly As In Morning Sunrise 5:23 11 *All To Soon* 5:12 Bass – Jay Leonhart Clarinet –
Ken Peplowski Drums – Joe Ascione Piano – Eddie Higgins Tenor Saxophone – Scott
Hamilton

Arguably the biggest star in the Venus Records roster, pianist Eddie Higgins has released numerous trio recordings from the label. He also has an on-going collaboration with veteran tenor saxophonist Scott Hamilton, beginning with the 2001 quartet album *Smoke Gets In Your Eyes* and continuing with *My Foolish Heart* and *My Funny Valentine*.

Wonderful clarinetist and tenorist Ken Peplowski joined this union to make it a quintet on *It's Magic*, which won the *Swing Journal* 2007 Best Compilation Award. Now, the golden quintet returns with their latest, *A Handful of Stars*. The three giants, assisted ably by Jay Leonhart and Joe Ascione, create beautiful and romantic music in a relaxed mood.

They are not breaking any new ground here, but their masterful tastes, gentle swing and warm interactions are as lovely and comfortable as a fireplace in the middle of winter.

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