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Andy Kirk And His Twelve Clouds Of Joy - The Chronological Classics 1937-1938 (1991)



01. Downstream (2:57) 02. In The Groove (3:07) 03. Worried Over You (3:11) 04. Foolin' Myself (3:02) 05. I'm Glad For Your Sake (But I'm Sorry For Mine) (2:59) 06. I'll Get Along Somehow (2:51) 07. A Mellow Bit Of Rhythm (3:23) 08. In My Wildest Dreams (2:54) 09. Better Luck Next Time (2:50) 10. With Love In My Heart (2:44) 11. What's Mine Is Yours (3:17) 12. Why Can't We Do It Again? (3:11) 13. The Key To My Heart (3:08) 14. I Went To A Gypsy (2:52) 15. Lover, Come Back To Me! (3:16) 16. Poor Butterfly (2:53) 17. The Big Dipper (2:58) 18. Bear Down (3:03) 19. I Surrender Dear (3:08) 20. Twinklin' (3:11) 21. It Must Be True (You Are Mine - All Mine) (3:09) 22. I'll Get By (3:07) 23. Little Joe From Chicago (2:52) Booker Collins Sax (Baritone), String Bass Ted Donnelly Trombone John Harrington Baritone, Clarinet, Sax (Alto), Sax (Baritone) Paul King Trumpet Andy Kirk Director, Primary Artist, Sax (Baritone), Sax (Bass) Harry Lawson Trumpet Earl Miller Sax (Alto) Ted Robinson Guitar Pha Terrell Vocals Ben Thigpen Drums, Vocals Earl Thomson Arranger, Trumpet Clarence Trice Trumpet Henry Wells Trombone, Vocals Claude "Fiddler" Williams Violin John Williams Baritone, Sax (Alto), Sax (Baritone) Mary Lou Williams Arranger, Piano Dick Wilson Sax (Tenor)

The third Andy Kirk CD put out by the Classics label (reissuing all of Kirk's swing-era recordings) is primarily for completists, for the then-popular but rather dated singer Pha Terrell is on the majority of the songs. There are some good moments from pianist Mary Lou Williams and tenor saxophonist Dick Wilson (particularly on the instrumentals), with the most memorable numbers being "A Mellow Bit of Rhythm," "Twinklin'," and "The Big Dipper," but Terrell is often difficult to sit through. ---Scott Yanow, AllMusic Review

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