Tom Jones - The Tom Jones' Fever Zone (1968)



A1 Delilah 3:24 A2 I Know 3:56 A3 I Wake Up Crying 2:19 A4 Funny How Time Slips Away 3:42 A5 Danny Boy 3:57 A6 It's A Man's Man's World 2:43 B1 Don't Fight It 2:52 B2 You Keep Me Hanging On 2:45 B3 Hold On, I'm Coming 3:20 B4 I Was Made To Love Her 2:22 B5 Keep On Running 2:51 B6 Get Ready 2:28

Tom Jones dives into a soul bag to bring on the hot flashes, lending his sweat-drenched vocal thrusts to hits by Wilson Pickett ("Don't Fight It"), Sam & Dave ("Hold On, I'm Coming"), Stevie Wonder ("I Was Made to Love Her"), and James Brown ("It's a Man's Man's World"). As one might expect, the overblown figures in here -- those strained shouts and some badly gauged dinner-show moments -- but the band crackles and Jones stays true enough to the spirit and energy of the originals to keep things in check. And he even tempers the glitzy heat, harking back to old-style triumphs with stagy editions of Bacharach/David's "I Wake Up Crying" (cut to perfection earlier by Chuck Jackson), perennial country weeper "Funny How Time Slips Away," and all-time war-horse ballad "Danny Boy." Topped off by Jones' grand set-piece hit "Delilah," Fever Zone will have you and your guests screaming for some good scotch to wash those fever-busting aspirin down. ---Stephen Cook, AllMusic Review

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