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## George Harrison – George Harrison (1979/2004)



01. Love Comes To Everyone – 4:34 02. Not Guilty – 3:33 03. Here Comes The Moon – 4:47 04. Soft-Hearted Hana – 4:01 play 05. Blow Away – 3:58 06. Faster – 4:45 07. Dark Sweet Lady – 3:22 play 08. Your Love Is Forever – 3:43 09. Soft Touch – 3:58 10. If You Believe (George Harrison/Gary Wright) – 2:55 Bonus:

11. Here Comes The Moon (demo version) - 3:35

Personnel: - George Harrison - guitars, vocals & backing vocals, bass (06) - Andy Newmark - drums - Willie Weeks - bass - Neil Larsen - keyboards, mini Moog - Ray Cooper - percussion - Steve Winwood - Polymoog, Harmonium, mini Moog, backing vocals - Emil Richards - marimba - Gale Levant - harp - Eric Clapton - guitar intro (01) - Gary Wright - Oberheim (10) - Del Newman - string and horn arrangements

George Harrison is, except for the overdubbed London strings, a painstakingly polished L.A.-made product -- and not a particularly inspired one at that. It's an ordinary album from an extraordinary talent. "Love Comes to Everyone" leads it off on a depressing note -- it's a treadmill tune with greeting-card verses -- and there are too many other such half-hearted songs lurking here, although some are salvaged by a nice instrumental touch: there's a catchy recurring guitar riff on "Soft Touch" and some lovely slide guitar on "Your Love Is Forever." Compared to the original, tougher Beatles version that was left off the White Album, the remake of "Not Guilty" is an easy listening trifle, though it was a revelation when it came out (the original had to wait until 1996 and Anthology 3 for an official release), and the succeeding "Here Comes the Moon" is a lazy retake on another Beatles song. "Blow Away" would be the record's most attractive new song -- and a number 16 hit -- but "Faster," a paean to Harrison's passion for Formula One auto racing, probably better reflected where his head was at this time. There are a few quirks: "Soft-Hearted Hana" is a strange, stream-of-consciousness Hawaiian hallucination, and "Dark Sweet Lady" is a Latin-flavored tune written for his new wife, Olivia. Finally, the inevitable spiritual benediction "If You Believe" offers some thoughtful philosophy to ponder, even if it's not an especially memorable tune. --- Richard S. Ginell, AllMusic Review

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