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01. I Hardly Know Her Name - 1:48 02. We Can Be - 4:26 03. Oh My Love - 2:48 04. Wait And See - 3:36 05. Do You Know The Reason - 3:39 06. Breathe Easy - 3:12 07. Time Will Carry On - 1:51 08. Maybe Tomorrow - 1:07 09. Hot Wacks - 1:27 10. Anytime/Anyday - 1:01 11. Find Your Own Way - 3:15 12. Time Will Carry On (Won't It) - 1:56   Personnel: - Robert Segarini - vocals, guitars, percussion - Michael "Two Foot" Stull - vocals, guitars, keyboards - N. Randy Bishop - vocals, guitars, bass - William "Kootch" Trochim - bass, guitars, vocals - Spencer T. "Ernie" Earnshaw - drums, percussion, vocals

Though the Los Angeles-based Wackers had founded their career on an appealing Beatles-based prototype power pop, their second album finds them reaching farther afield, adding CSNY-style harmonies to their sonic palette in "Do You Know the Reason" and "Time Will Carry On." In addition, there are post-psychedelic outings on both the title track and the album's three-song finale, climaxing in the mantra-like "Time Will Carry On." But despite their frequent experimentation, the Wackers sound most confident on the "Dear Prudence"-influenced "We Can Be," also managing an assured tribute to the post-Fabs John Lennon in their version of IMAGINE's "Oh My Love." HOT WACKS is an appealing mish-mash of early-1970s rock styles performed by an increasingly self-possessed band that knows what it wants, even if it's not quite sure how to get it. ---allmusic.com

Hot Wacks indeed, for the Wackers ditched the acoustic guitars of their Wackering Heights debut in favor of the harder edge their live shows wielded. In fact, they had a falling-out with producer Gary Usher during the album's mixdown because the band wanted a rawer sound. The most famous track on the album is probably their cover of John and Yoko's Oh My Love, which mistakenly ended up on a Beatles bootleg...that gives you an idea of where this band's

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