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A1 More Than A Feeling 4:44 A2 Peace Of Mind 4:55 A3 Foreplay/Long Time 7:56 B1 Rock & Roll Band 2:59 B2 Smokin' 4:44 B3 Hitch A Ride 3:18 B4 Something About You 4:19 B5 Let Me Take You Home Tonight 4:12 Acoustic Guitar – Tom Scholz Acoustic Guitar [12-string] – Brad Delp Bass – Fran Sheehan, Tom Scholz Clavinet – Tom Scholz Drums – Sib Hashian Drums – Jim Masdea (B1) Harmony Vocals – Brad Delp Lead Guitar – Barry Goudreau, Tom Scholz Lead Vocals – Brad Delp Organ – Tom Scholz Percussion – Brad Delp, Sib Hashian, Tom Scholz Rhythm Guitar – Barry Goudreau, Brad Delp, Tom Scholz

Boston is one of the best-selling albums of all time, and deservedly so. Because of the rise of disco and punk, FM rock radio seemed all but dead until the rise of acts like Boston, Tom Petty, and Bruce Springsteen. Nearly every song on Boston's debut album could still be heard on classic rock radio decades later due to the strong vocals of Brad Delp and unique guitar sound of Tom Scholz. Tom Scholz, who wrote most of the songs, was a studio wizard and used self-designed equipment such as 12-track recording devices to come up with an anthemic "arena rock" sound before the term was even coined. The sound was hard rock, but the layered melodies and harmonics reveal the work of a master craftsman. While much has been written about the sound of the album, the lyrics are often overlooked. There are songs about their rise from a bar band ("Rock and Roll Band") as well as fond remembrances of summers gone by ("More Than a Feeling"). Boston is essential for any fan of classic rock, and the album marks the re-emergence of the genre in the 1970s. ---Vik Iyengar, AllMusic Review

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