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*A1 Sand in My Shoes A2 You Stepped Out of a Dream A3 Let's Face the Music and Dance  
A4 The Italian Touch: (a) Mattinata (b) Scapricciatiello (Infatuation) (c) Torna a Sorrento  
(Come Back to Sorrento) A5 Autumn in the Spring A6 Ev'rything I Love B1 If I Forget You B2  
Pennies From Heaven B3 All the Things You Are B4 The French Touch: (a) Sur le pont  
d'Avignon (b) Ah, ah, ah, ah (The Song That Haunts My Heart) (Je n'en connais pas la fin) (c)  
Pigalle B5 That's All B6 Be My Love Toni Arden - vocals Ralph Burns and His Orchestra*

Toni Arden (February 15, 1924, New York City as Antoinette Ardizzone – May 29, 2012, Lake Worth, Florida) was an American traditional pop music singer. Arden's father, Phillip Ardizzone, was a singer with the Metropolitan Opera and La Scala. Her brother, Jan Arden, was also a singer. The siblings teamed up for night club performances in the late 1950s.

Arden became a big band singer in the 1940s, singing with Al Trace, Joe Reichman, Ray Bloch and Shep Fields. She started recording as a soloist in 1946 for the minor National Records company. After her appearance on the early television talent series Doorway to Fame, Arden signed her first solo recording contract with a major record label, Columbia Records, in 1949 (Arden was arguably the only performer out of 20,000 over Doorway to Fame's two-year run on air to become relatively famous); at Columbia, she had several hits including "I Can Dream, Can't I?" (which reached #7 on the Billboard charts), "Too Young" (which reached #15), "Kiss of Fire" (which reached #14) and "I'm Yours" (which reached #24). CD compilations of these earlier recordings can be found on the Sepia Records label and a two-CD set released by Jasmine

In the mid-1950s she moved to Decca Records, where her biggest selling record (her only million-seller) was "Padre" in 1958. LP albums included "Miss Toni Arden," "Besame!", "Sing a Song of Italy" and "Italian Gold." She sang in both Italian and English. The first two albums have

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been compiled on a second CD by the Sepia Records label. She also recorded briefly for RCA Victor and Mercury Records. Her last album My World is You (GPRT Records) features the compositions of Gladys Shelley.

In 1954, Arden recorded 13 radio programs for the US Marine Corps via electrical transcription. The Toni Arden Show was broadcast on participating local stations. In 1956, she was featured on an episode of What's New in Music on CBS.

Arden appeared on The Music of George Gershwin, This Is Show Business, Dick Clark's program, and The Jimmy Dean Show. She and her brother, Jan, sang two duets on The Ed Sullivan Show in 1959.

She died at her home in Lake Worth, Florida, on May 29, 2012 at the age of 88.  
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