The Onious Monk When pianist-composer Thelonious Sphere Monk (1917-1982) arrived on the jazz scene during the early-1940s, he was considered, to say the least, eccentric. There was the matter of his name, of course, and his odd hats and beard and sunglasses. To outsiders, he could be uncommunicative. But most of all, there was his music – all those "weird" chords and off-kilter melodies, even if Monk's "Round Midnight" was one of the most eerily beautiful ballads ever written. Eventually, the jazz-listening public caught up to Monk, recognizing that, after Duke Ellington (one of his key influences), he was the music's most important, consistently original composer. This set, recorded in the 1960s, spotlights six Monk classics (including "Round Midnight," plus five more of his great beauties), and five surprise-filled treatments of standard tunes. Also featured is tenor saxophonist Charlie Rouse, whose hand-in-glove partnership with Monk lasted 11 years.

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