

Billie Holiday

Lady in Satin

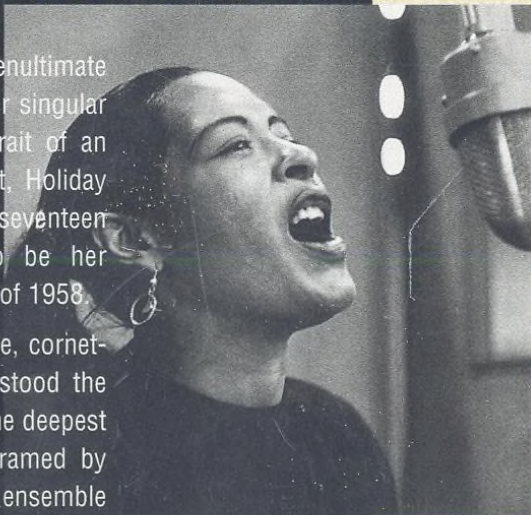
LADY IN SATIN was Billie Holiday's penultimate studio album, at once a testament to her singular interpretive artistry and a chilling portrait of an artist living on borrowed time. In fact, Holiday (1915-1959) would live only another seventeen months after this recording—said to be her personal favorite—was made in February of 1958.

If her voice was a far cry from the blithe, cornet-like instrument that during the 1930s stood the jazz world on its ear, it now drew from the deepest wellsprings of emotional experience. Framed by Ray Ellis' lush arrangements for a large ensemble that included strings, harp, and vocal choir, Holiday renders these Great American torch songs with a kind of honesty that, given her shaky timbre, sometimes makes for difficult listening.

As Ellis himself says in his new annotation to **LADY IN SATIN**, "After we finished the album... I must admit I was unhappy with her performance, but I was just listening musically instead of emotionally. It wasn't until I heard the final mix a few weeks later that I realized how great her performance really was."



In addition to the arranger's addendum, there are four previously unissued alternate takes, some beautiful photographs from the session, and new 20-Bit digital remastering by the acclaimed producer Phil Schaap.

LADY IN SATIN now wears a stunning new gown.



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| 1 | I'M A FOOL TO WANT YOU (EDITED MASTER CS 8048) | 3:23 |
| 2 | FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE | 3:26 |
| 3 | YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT LOVE IS | 3:48 |
| 4 | I GET ALONG WITHOUT YOU VERY WELL | 2:59 |
| 5 | FOR ALL WE KNOW | 2:53 |
| 6 | VIOLETS FOR YOUR FURS | 3:24 |
| 7 | YOU'VE CHANGED | 3:17 |
| 8 | IT'S EASY TO REMEMBER | 4:01 |
| 9 | BUT BEAUTIFUL | 4:29 |
| 10 | GLAD TO BE UNHAPPY | 4:07 |
| 11 | I'LL BE AROUND | 3:23 |
| 12 | THE END OF A LOVE AFFAIR (MONO - CL 1157) | 4:46 |
| * 13 | I'M A FOOL TO WANT YOU (TAKE 3 - CL 1157) | 3:24 |
| * 14 | I'M A FOOL TO WANT YOU (TAKE 2 - ALTERNATE TAKE) | 3:23 |
| * 15 | THE END OF A LOVE AFFAIR: <i>THE AUDIO STORY</i> | 9:49 |
| * 16 | THE END OF A LOVE AFFAIR (STEREO) | 4:46 |
| 17 | PAUSE TRACK | 0:06 |

* PREVIOUSLY UNRELEASED BONUS TRACK

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