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Jennifer Lee, vocals, piano; Peter Sprague, guitar; Bob Magnusson, bass; Tommy Aros, percussion; Tripp Sprague, saxophone; Rich Kuhns, accordion; Jason Lewis, drums. Jennifer Lee sings the Jerome Kern/Johnny Mercer number "I'm Old Fashioned" on this CD, and that is all to the good. Jennifer sings with a personal interpretation in a voice that is both sweet and clear. She covers a lot of standards here and does so delicately and delightfully. Cole Porter's "Night and Day" is a gentle pleasure, her collaborator for the arrangement, guitarist Peter Sprague, lays down the accompaniment with charm. "Note To My Niece," written by Jennifer, is a touching ballad supported by Peter Sprague on guitar and the accordion of Rich Kuhns. "Please Don't Talk About Me When I'm Gone," is given her own special style with a gentle swing, again the guitar of Peter Sprague supports admirably. Her interesting approach shows in "Rosa/Claire de Lune," unusual to hear an accordion and a guitar playing this Debussy classic, but it works beautifully; her choice of instrumentation for this CD goes a long way in its success.

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