



Pure Pleasure PPAN 020

Melvin Taylor: Plays The Blues For You

Format: 1LP 33rpm / standard sleeve

Manufacturer: Pure Pleasure

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Guitarist Melvin Taylor's fluid, smartly constructed solos and understated yet winning vocals are surprises on this 1984 nine-track set recorded for Isabel. Taylor is not a fancy or arresting singer but succeeds through his simple, effective delivery of lyrics, slight inflections, and vocal nuances. His guitar work is impressive, with skittering riffs, shifting runs, and dashing solos. Organist/pianist Lucky Peterson is an excellent second soloist, adding cute background phrases at times, then stepping forward and challenging or buttressing Taylor's playing with his own dazzling lines.

Recording: March 1984 at Studio Davout, Paris

Production: Didier Tricard "Plays The Blues For You" - Melvin Taylor (g, voc); Lucky Peterson (org, p); Titus Williams (b, g); Ray Allison (dr)