

**ALL THE HITS FROM FUNK INSTRUMENTAL GREAT BILLY PRESTON
COMPILED ON NEW ULTIMATE COLLECTION**

Until he collected his own string of hits, he was known as the 5th Beatle. But beyond his contributions to that band, including on their landmark Let It Be, Billy Preston was a synthesizer pioneer whose funky style became the standard for all pop keyboard players who followed. Without question, with or without the big Afro and big smile which made him instantly recognizable, Preston was one of the few, and one of the greatest, instrumental stars of the rock era.

Billy Preston: Ultimate Collection (Hip-O Records), released March 21, 2000, brings together for the first time his '70s A&M smashes "Nothing From Nothing," "Will It Go Round In Circles," "Space Race" and the Grammy-winning "Outa-Space" (each of them Top 10 pop, Top 10 R&B and gold-certified) with his hit '80s Motown duets with Syreeta, "With You I'm Born Again" (also Top 10 pop) and "One More Time For Love." Of the album's 20 selections, each digitally remastered, nine are Top 40 R&B chart hits.

Among the other track highlights are "Go For It" (from the film Fast Break as was "With You I'm Born Again"); "Slaughter" (the Top 20 R&B theme song to the '70s blaxploitation movie of the same name); his covers of the Beatles' "Get Back" (from the movie Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band) and "Blackbird"; "Struttin'" (a Top 40 pop and Top 40 R&B hit); an inspired live version of "That's The Way God Planned It," and his original composition "You Are So Beautiful" (which Joe Cocker turned into a classic Top 10 hit).

In addition, **Billy Preston: Ultimate Collection** marks the first U.S. CD release of "Slaughter" as well as the Top 40 R&B hits "Wide Stride," "You're So Unique" and "Fancy Lady." Also included on the album are "I Wrote A Simple Song," "I'm Really Gonna Miss You," "Since I Held You Close" and "I'm Never Gonna Say Goodbye."

Billy Preston: Ultimate Collection is the latest compilation album in the Hip-O series which celebrates noteworthy artists.

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