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# Peter Allen

CONTINENTAL AMERICAN

The late introspective singer-songwriter, *Peter Allen*, had a unique talent for spinning a tune and getting his audiences to react to his often-flamboyant stage shows. That contrast in style may have slightly overshadowed his true talent. But a pop hit that went to the top of the charts, which he co-wrote, opened new doors for the Australian-born performer with his ever-growing cult of fans.

Of course, that song is **“I Honestly Love You,”** which appears here on this original catalogue album, recorded with an all-star cast of players at the beginning of his illustrious career. It’s given a very touching and sensitive reading by the co-author, revealing its true sentiment. The album’s opener, **“Just A Gigolo,”** has been around for decades, but this maestro of the cabaret scene gave it new meaning when he sang it. Along those lines, **“Just Ask Me I’ve Been There”** is another reflective ballad branded with Allen’s distinctive style.



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It may be trite to say it, but despite its age, **“Everything Old Is New Again”** was the singer’s appropriate commentary on what seemed to be the case with fashion, music and current events—then and even now. This international, bi-coastal celebrity, who was once married to Liza Minnelli, vamps his way through another thought provoking observation of his former lifestyle with the title track, **“Continental American.”**

Sadly, he’s lost to us in a physical form, but his music has lived on to be enjoyed by many—on all continents.

**Everything Old Is New Again**  
**Just Ask Me I’ve Been There**  
**This Side Shows Leaving Town**

**Just A Gigolo (Schöener Gigolo)**  
**The Natural Thing To Do**  
**Just A Gigolo [reprise]**

**I Honestly Love You**  
**Continental American**  
**Pretty Pretty**

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