## Mp3 Wishful Thinking - Jazz: Contemporary Jazz

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A re-release of this West Coast Contemporary Jazz Group's 1985 debut album . 7 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Contemporary Jazz, JAZZ: Jazz Fusion Details: This is the first album release by Wishful Thinking, and it is an auspicious debut indeed. In a time when most new music is distinguished solely by bizarre combinations of cheap, attention-grabbing effects and sampled semi-musical noises, here is a collection of tracks displaying a solid group identity, tremendous musical poise in a broad range of musical styles, well structured, attractive themes, and most important in an outing of this type, fiery, flowing improvising throughout. Many listeners have been hard-put to categorize this band, but I'd have to say that Wishful Thinking falls solidly in the "Latin-disco-space-funk-pop-jazz Bag," which happens to be my kind of sound, if you know what I mean, The contrast between the suave urbanity of the guitar-and-vibes statement of the themes and guitarist Weston's earthy, blues inflected solos is very effective. It's great to hear a technically accomplished guitarist whose virtuosity enhances, rather than detracts from, the musical impact and clarity of his playing. Likewise, keyboardist Boardman and vibist Shank are both fluent and imaginative soloists, turning in one expressive exploration after another. No question, these boys came to blow, and there is a singularity of musical vision and purpose here that makes one wonder if maybe these guys didn't grow up on the same block or maybe in the same family. Add to this one of the most consistently solid and cooking rhythm sections to be heard in a while and you've definitely got something special. This album is one of the most refreshing and enjoyable expressions of the jazz tradition to come along in a while, and I've no doubt that Wishful Thinking is on its way to finding the audience it most certainly deserves. Walter Becker Territory of Hawaii (original liner notes from 1985)

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