

# RETTA CHRISTIE

## with DAVID EVANS and DAVE FRISHBERG

Retta's music is refreshingly unintimidated by musical border guards. She draws comfortably on country music, with all its geographical and stylistic tributaries, as well as swing, pop, vintage jazz, novelty and the Great American Songbook.

*Richard Hadlock, Host & Producer, the Annals of Jazz, KCSM-FM, San Mateo, California*

"Retta Christie has a singular knack for that curious, vastly entertaining form of Americana that swings in the recesses between jazz and country. Think Jimmie Rodgers, dustbowl prophets like Cowboy Bob Wills or Floyd Tillman, or the flatland plains poetry of Hoagy Carmichael, and you're in the neighborhood. Fans of Irving Berlin saloon songs will be swinging till the cows come home. Secret weapons: Dave Evans on sax/clarinet and the hip avuncularity of Dave Frishberg at the keys."

*Tim Duroche, Willamette Week*

**Retta Christie** was an Oregon farm kid who learned to square dance and to accompany family members and her own singing with her guitar. She loves bristling Western swing, good Dixieland, cowboy movie music and clever song-stories by composers such as Floyd Tillman and Dave Frishberg. This is not eclecticism for its own sake—Retta has heartfelt reactions to a variety of songs and singers and she expresses those feelings by telling—singing—each story her own way.

**David Evans** began playing sax and clarinet around Alabama in his 'teens. He moved to New Orleans and wound up playing with everybody in the Crescent City. His resume contains names such as Nicholas Payton, Pete Fountain, B. B. King and recording artists reflecting every facet of popular music.

**Dave Frishberg** is held in high esteem around the world as composer, lyricist, pianist and singer. Happily for Retta, and for us, he also enjoys the less conspicuous role of piano-playing sideman and accompanist. His star-studded gig history includes Al Cohn, Bobby Hackett, Ben Webster, Irene Kral, Anita O'Day and Jimmy Rushing. You won't hear Dave sing here, but you will hear Frishberg the songster at work in the sensitive touches he employs to back Retta's vocal work.



### Tracking Listing

1. Cheatin' on Me
2. Yearning Just for You
3. Did You Ever See a Dream Walking?
4. Wallflower Lonely, Cornflower Blue
5. Someday (You'll Want Me to Want You)
6. The Thrill is Gone
7. Louise
8. I'll String Along with You
9. On Treasure Island
10. This Cold War with You
11. Lost
12. Ridin' Down the Canyon

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