

the Duke plays

# ELLINGTON

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- Prelude To A Kiss
- B Sharp Blues
- Passion Flower
- Janet





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For those who appreciate Duke and his genius, the only notes necessary for this package are a few lines indicating that these are selections composed by Ellington himself down through the years. Wendell Marshall, on bass, and Butch Ballard at the drums accompany Duke's solo pianistics unobtrusively. The results are pleasantly out of the ordinary, for those who have followed his career are aware that Duke has always shunned piano solos. These were recorded long after midnight at Capitol's Melrose Avenue Studios in Hollywood without any sort of rehearsal or plan.

They just happened.



**B Sharp Blues** and **Janet** are spontaneous, ad libbed compositions by Ellington, created in the privacy of the dimly lighted studio at the time this album was recorded, and a spin of the turntable reveals what a truly remarkable series of improvisations they are. All Ellington followers know the others; they rank among Duke's best efforts as a composer and it is significant that the Duke himself selected them from a repertoire of more than five hundred of his own works.

*The Duke plays Ellington . . . .* and no man can play him better.



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