



**TONY BIANCO'S
MONKEY DANCE:
FEATURING DAVE LIEBMAN
(FMRC188-i0106)**

Tony Bianco - drums, bass & piano
Dave Liebman - saxes & wooden flute
Eric St-Laurent - guitar
Ali Keita - Balaphon
Adam Lennox - Producer

I get by with a little help from my friends. That's what brought this CD together. I have known both Dave and Adam for almost 20 years. Dave's been on about how I should do that funk thing. He had heard some of the recordings I did with Elton Dean a few years ago. He dug it and asked me how was I doing it? What was my codifying concept? He also thought that my bass lines had that slippery Miles thing.

So when Dave was doing some gigs in Berlin Adam gave me a call and asked me to write some bass lines with chord changes over it. Adam put the whole session together, telling me about Eric St-Laurent and also that we should have this great balaphon player, Ali Keita, do a piece with Dave. He also had some great ideas about tempos. It is what I did a few years earlier except I can do it a lot better now, and can also do a better hip hop groove.

I also think there is a more of a form because of the repetitive chord changes. The recording has an uncanny quality. Dave's sense of space and Eric's taste for rawness bring out that primal simplicity that brings the whole thing into focus.

I have for the theme of the recording Hanuman the monkey god, who serves the cause of Rama. Each piece reflects his adventure in the great Indian spiritual and romantic epic 'The Ramayana'. Besides bringing to mind images of jungle, wood and heat, it is Hanuman and his monkey army who save the day. When Princess Sita is stolen it is Hanuman who encourages the broken-hearted Rama to find her again. His instinctual courage even inspires the high-souled Rama to hang onto his goal. Hanuman is a symbol of the Primaeval serving the goal of romance. The simple expanding into the infinite in the service of a noble virtue. Hanuman's leap of faith.

Peace Tony Bianco

1. Exiled 5.12
2. Strolling in the Savannah 7.12
3. Walking on Wood 4.25
4. Rama Longed for Sita* 2.54
5. Monkey Dance 4.29
6. Dark Celestial Maidens 4.41
7. To Gaze at Her 4.35
8. Honey in the Forest • 3.38
9. Which way do we go? 4.24
10. Hanuman's Leap 5.08
11. Surya ° 4.16

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* Liebman / Bianco /St-Laurent. • Liebman / Keita.
° Liebman / Bianco

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Adam Lennox



Eric St-Laurent

