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Alison Burns & Martin Taylor

1:am (P3 Music) £12.99



Despite its title and vocal-plus-guitar format, this is not one of your whispery, smoky, late-night efforts. Alison Burns has a notably clear, buoyant voice and trusts the song to tell its story without a lot of emotional padding. Martin Taylor, as we should all know by now, is one of the finest jazz guitarists alive today. On the evidence of this, he is also one of the best accompanists. Self-effacing but wonderfully alert, he keeps the vocal line gently afloat, discreetly complementing each phrase and nuance. With a canny selection of songs, mainly standards plus one of their own, this is a sparkling set.

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