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## ***Alison Burns and Martin Taylor***

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**Alison Burns (v) and Martin Taylor (g).**  
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From its very opening bar, Martin Taylor's languid introduction to 'Again', this duo album with vocalist Alison Burns is one of the most delightfully intimate recordings you'll hear this year. Conceived in part as an affectionate homage to the great partnership of Ella Fitzgerald and Joe Pass, the singer's thoughtfully dramatic interpretations find their perfect match in Taylor's unfailingly refined accompaniments. The 14-track collection includes playfully swinging takes on 'He's A Tramp', 'The Man Who Got Away' and 'Drop Me A Line', although Burns generally favours tempos at the slower end of the spectrum. Standouts include the self-penned 'True', a heart-melting tribute to her brother, an affecting take on Stevie Wonder's 'If It's Magic' and a lovingly crafted 'I Haven't Got Anything Better To Do'. **Peter Quinn**

