

Dave Brubeck's notes on vocalist, Shelley Neill's "Music Sweet Music" (1999, Cobalt Blue 03)
featuring Laszlo Gardony (piano); Greg Caputo (drums) and Genevive Rose (bass):

THE DAVE BRUBECK QUARTET

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Mr. Greg Caputo,
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Dear Greg,

I listened to the music you sent me. It all sounded great. I especially liked your hand drumming on "Fever" and the octaves from that great pianist. It was great, also, to hear the verses to so many of those wonderful old tunes.

Tell Shelley that she's got that original blues singer's sound. Iola and I both thought the same thing about her voice. It seemed to hearken back to Bessie Smith and Ma Rainey and Ethel Waters.

And, one final comment. What's the story on "Sunshine"? Certainly a different approach to "my only Sunshine".

I wish you great success with this recording and all your endeavors. And thank you for your continued interest in my work.

Yours sincerely,



Dave Brubeck