



TERRY CALLIER
Title: Turn You To Love

Label: Speakers Corner

I must admit being a late arrival on the Callier scene but I'm glad I got there in the end. He seemed to pass me by and, to be honest, I wouldn't be the first.

Emerging from a love of doo wop, this considered artist appeared singing folk on the Chess label and added jazz to his folio. His career swung from success to set back and maybe that's part of the reason, the lack of any sustained momentum, why many people have missed him as a notable artist.

This R&B-infused piece has been similarly ignored by many. This LP was produced by Sonny Burke, who also conducted the included orchestra.

Callier offered easy yet beautifully textured vocals while other notables included Larry Wade in the creative department plus help from Tommy Tedesco and Randy Dunlap.

The tracks combine elements of gospel, a bit of funk plus some sublime covers including the Smokey Robinson track, Still Water (Love) - which I had on rotation during this review. It was difficult to move on from there, to be frank. Look out for Becker & Fagen's Do It Again too. Both tracks highlight Callier's ability as an interpreter of the song. A rare gift for any vocalist.

A hidden gem? Oh yes.