

AL GREEN CALL ME



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180g

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Hi Records/Speakers Corner

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Hi Records has opened up its catalog with four new releases on vinyl, including three by Pure Pleasure and Speakers Corners' reissue of Al Green's masterpiece *Call Me*, recorded at Royal Recording Studios in Memphis in 1973. Al Green's sensual voice was an amazing instrument. In 1974, Green was attacked by a former girlfriend, who then used his gun to commit suicide. Green entered the ministry and eventually stopped performing as a soul artist. That leaves this great album, which mixes seven soul tunes written by Green with impressive versions of Willie Nelson and Hank Williams' tunes.

Backed by the Memphis Strings, and top sessions horn and rhythm sections, Green delivers a flawless album. Speakers Corner has given us an impressive reissue, losing nothing to the original in atmosphere, and this LP is all about atmosphere. Willie Mitchell did a fine job producing and engineering this album, and this ranks as one of his better efforts. This LP sold in huge numbers, but I doubt you will find a copy that sounds better than this reissue pressed on perfect Pallas vinyl. Bravo to Kai Seaman for this gem. **DD**

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