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SIDE 1

- 1 THE BOSTON TWO STEP
- 2 LA VA
- 3 THE OLD INVINCIBLES BARN DANCE
- 4 GAY GORDONS:
 - (a) Auchmountain's Bonnie Glens
 - (b) 72nd Highlanders' Farewell to Aberdeen
 - (c) Scotland is my Hame
- 5 SCOTTISH WALTZ MEDLEY:
 - (a) The Auld Hoose
 - (b) Rothesay Bay
 - (c) Bonnie Gallawa'
 - (d) Loch Rannoch
 - (e) Ho Ro My Nut Brown Maiden
- 6 THE HADDINGTON ASSEMBLY
 - (a) Original
 - (b) John Mearns
 - (c) Ben Lyons

SIDE 2

- 1 MILITARY TWO STEP: Sell Call
- 2 LA TEMPETE:
 - (a) Original
 - (b) Miss Murray of Linthouse
 - (c) Danish Double
 - (d) Silver and Gold
- 3 ADDIE HARPER LILT
- 4 ATHOLL AND BREADELBANE GATHERING
- 5 LADIES FANCY (JIG)
 - (a) Peggie's Wedding
 - (b) Elizabeth Adair
 - (c) Bessie Lee
- 6 THE OLD RUSTIC BRIDGE BY THE MILL

Produced by JIM McLEAN Musical Director NICKY WELSH Even if her monitor loudspeaker is switched off, the telephone operator at the BBC Radio Merseyside Studios in Liverpool always knows when I've played a Rob Gordon disc.

Lights start flashing and the switchboard comes alive with caller after caller asking for it to be played again or requesting the number of the record so they can go out and buy it. The inquiries come from discerning people – listeners who want more from their radios and record-players than just background din. They want music that's easy on the ear; that sets their feet tapping; that can be played for strict-tempo dancing – in short, Rob Gordon music.

This album has all those ingredients. And it bears a title that has a familiar ring to those many people who phone Radio Merseyside to ask about record numbers. "Tune Tonic" is the name of one of the most successful light entertainment programmes broadcast weekly since the station opened nearly ten years ago.

For most of that time I have produced and presented this Sunday morning music-and-chat show and, apart from dispensing hours of music and messages, have welcomed as guests such adventurers as Jim Irwin who walked and drove on the moon, aviators Sheila Scott and Douglas Bader; round-the-world sailor Chay Blyth; Everest conqueror Doug Scott and hundreds more. From the world of show business have come Bing Crosby, Morecambe and Wise, Frankie Laine, Sacha Distel and music-makers of the calibre of Ron Goodwin, Syd Lawrence, Edmundo Ros, Jimmy Shand — and Rob Gordon.

If you've never danced to Rob Gordon's music, this album — which includes samples of his own compositions — will give you some idea of what you've been missing. If you've never heard Rob Gordon's music on the radio, this album will demonstrate it to you at its best. And, of course, by having your own copy, there'll be no need for you to phone your local radio station to ask for the number.

Come to think of it though, you may well call them up to ask for it to be played again so that others can share your enjoyment.

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