



Coast 2 Coast Feat. The Fantastic Gems - 'Only If You Want To'



An inviting drum roll and fine orchestration start the song “Only If You Want To” by Coast 2 Coast Feat. The Fantastic Gems. Smooth and expressive vocal “ooo’s” float above the well-produced mix welcoming you into the song's flavor and flow. Your body will sway.

Two vocalists, Rocky Whitaker and Robert Finney, capture your undivided attention with their radio-ready singing that is both smooth and emotionally expressive. The singers demonstrate a fantastic vocal range, showcasing how they can dip down low and hit the high notes with ease. Vocal harmonies, in a falsetto register, are wax-melting hot.

“Maybe we should go for a walk, maybe we should go for a talk together. Maybe I should forget all the things I wanna say girl, and send it to you in a letter.”

The entire song has superb arranging and orchestration. The horns add tasteful fills with great dynamics, articulations and melodic lines. The funky, syncopated bass and crisp percussion are in-the-pocket and keep the energy going. There is an undeniably addictive old-school R & B vibe that will surely please fans from the past and today. This is real music coming from a place that is real, a place in the heart. Musicians and vocalists include Warren Jones and The Fantastic Gems (Rocky Whitaker, Robert Finney, James Stevens, Walter Smith, Gus Davidson, and Moe Whitaker).

“Only If You Want To” is about wanting to stay together. “Let's stay together, me and you. Only if you want to. Maybe you should go on your own, maybe I should leave you alone forever. Maybe we should forgive and forget, talk it over and get back together.” The heart-felt lyrics swoon over the arrangement with a catchy chorus that will stay with you. The lyrics are refreshing with straight-forward honesty and class. "Only If You Want To" is a song for the masses that everyone who likes great musicianship and singing will enjoy. This is the kind of musicianship that has been sorely missed over the years and Coast 2 Coast Feat. The Fantastic Gems are bringing it back with immeasurable music talent, vocal style, and great song-writing that is as catchy as it is classy. Don't miss this first-rate group.



About The Fantastic Gems The Fantastic Gems formed in 1968 at Eastside H.S. in Paterson, NJ. After graduation, the members went off to college, the military and new careers. In 1986, two of the members reformed in Washington D.C. as "Coast 2 Coast." They recorded and performed for four years. Later, in 2016, The Fantastic Gems got back together to fulfill a promise they made to each other back in high school. The result of their reunion was the release of The New Ole Skool. The album took three years, from conception to completion, and was released in June, 2019.

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