

## **Manhattan Transfer, The**

### **"It's Good Enough To Keep"**

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(Music by Benny Goodman, Jimmy Mundy, & Charlie Christian; Lyric by Alan Paul)

The jam is jumpin'

The drums are pumpin'

The groove is lockin' in the rhythm like we want it to be

No time for stallin'

We're really haulin'

We've gotta keep it in the pocket or we'll stagger behind

You never know just when to leave it when you're riffin' in time

Or if the time itself will falter, or of words even rhyme

But we admit, the trick to it is not to think about it

When you're busy bravin' all the notes in the line

This time we mean it

We're gonna swing it

And take you right up to the end before we try to unwind

[Alan's solo:]

I've never been the kind of guy who could just normally quit

Never could decide when to rest my pride

And feel all right with just good enough

Thoughts, they gather

Tellin' me to look to find a bright new way

To assemble all the stimulated motives that haunt me

Tryin' a live it, be in the moment, tryin' to sing it alone

Can beckon to me, a feelin' of being bent

So I believe, takin' a leave is the brightest way to stop

All the chatter boxin' going 'round in my brain

So I'm wailin' - movin' and groovin' this part of this song

I hope that my riff's good enough to keep

Better leave it now or go out of my mind

[Violin Solo]

[Tim's solo:]

Now I dig you think that perfect's what we should make  
it  
But I've been down that road and I can tell ya how we  
feel's  
The most important thing about it  
Whether you're right or whether you might think  
We're pathetic  
A little lighter on the reins will help you loosen up the  
chains  
That are still binding you -  
In the past, whenever thoughts I had would try to re-  
Evaluate all that i would do  
I'd hesitate, consolidate, and motivate  
All the little pearls of doubt that strive to break up  
Every single bit of  
Precious joy that flowed from God's soul spark that  
Shines within me  
That's it in a nut shell  
So take advice from this sap, go for feel and leave it  
alone

[Mandolin Solo:]  
Now's the time to sing  
Swing is what we bring  
Rhythm that's the thing  
To really get your spirit movin' higher

Gonna jump and play  
Dance the night away  
Make you really sway  
And let the music take you even higher

E-Ila sang this song real special  
Come on, come on - we'll sing this special song for you

One more one we'll go  
But before we blow  
We want you to know  
The take is really good enough, we'll keep it!

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