



BRYAN ADAMS

So Far So Good

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Performance ★ ★ ★
Sound Quality ★ ★ ★

Whoever chose the sequence of tracks on this greatest hits package was smart to mix in the old with the new. If the singles had been presented chronologically, it would have been too easy: Anyone could have spotted the songs growing longer and less interesting as Bryan Adams became more and more successful.

To be fair, almost no one could overcome the burden of a single as overwhelmingly popular as "(Everything I Do) I Do It for You." But Adams hasn't tried very hard, has he? Always an engaging vocalist, his songs have devolved from short, tightly melodic numbers such as "Run to You" and "Straight From the Heart" into turgid affairs like "Do I Have to Say the Words?" His latest power ballad, "Please Forgive Me," continues the trend.

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("Please forgive me/I know not what I do/
Please forgive me/I can't stop loving you.")

With about six or seven memorable songs scattered about, *So Far So Good* appears to be the last stop for any fan without a healthy supply of disposable lighters. —Michael Giltz