

# **Mp3 Don Baaska - Perfume De Gardenia--from Puerto Rico With Love Vol 3**



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More romantic instrumental renditions of Puerto Rican standards by pianist Don Baaska his trio 12 MP3 Songs LATIN: Latin Jazz, LATIN: Bolero Details: According to a survey conducted in Europe in 2004, Puerto Rico is the happiest country in the world. This was discussed by local callers to a talk show on radio WOSO and there was some disagreement. It seems that the electricity, water and telephone service periodically disappear for no apparent reason, the traffic tapons are frustrating and pot holes break axles while politicians argue about trifles. All I know is that when I visit NYC every thing appears black and white. California is a land of pastels. But when the plane lands in San Juan I clap along with the other returning residents and the world suddenly comes alive in glorious full technicolor and surround sound and I'm glad to be back. On this CD as on "From Puerto Rico with Love" vol 1 and vol 2 the music of Puerto Rican composers has been interpreted the way we used to play it in night clubs and hotel lounges in the 50's and 60's. Included are 2 originals and my arrangement of Mozart's "Rondo a la Turk" as a merengue. I don't really know if I qualify as a Puerto Rican composer although I have lived here for over 40 years. I speak Spanish with my neighbors but still have a gringo accent. Puerto Rico has been very kind to me and I am grateful. I have never had to resort to a day job and have lived well while playing music. I hope you enjoy these nostalgic Puerto Rican favorites from a a more elegant era. Don Baaska

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