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Lyrics and Music by **Stephen Sondheim**
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Arranged and Produced by **Laurent Ziliani**
Played by **the Budapest Scoring Orchestra**
Nicholas Daley, Trombone
Noriko Terada, Percussion
Jorge Velasco, Mixing and Mastering
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This second single from my upcoming album “**Anyone Can Whistle**” is a lesser-known gem that sparkles with the joy of second chances. For me, it captures love in its lightest, wisest, and most honest form. I hear it as a playful confession, free from the irony or sharp edges we often expect from Sondheim—love here is stripped of drama and pain, and instead filled with gratitude, wonder, and delight.

For this arrangement, I wanted a big band in full swing, because this song deserves to celebrate. It's fun, yes, but it also carries a truth only experience can teach: happiness doesn't always arrive when you expect it.

I also see it as a tribute to lowering your guard, letting yourself be surprised, and staying open to wherever life might take you.

Last but not least, this song's call to action is a warm, playful nudge on how to live: having received the best thing that ever has happened, all one can do is be the best thing that ever has happened to others.

