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On almost any evening an aficionado of the art of belly dancing could find Soraya expounding the art either at the Britannia on New York's Eighth Avenue, at the Darvish in Greenwich Village's Eighth Street or some other night spot. She has been acclaimed by the experts as one of the foremost exponents of belly dancing and she now has devoted her talents to another aspect of her talents — singing.

With the same feeling and rhythm which she gives to her dancing Soraya imbues these songs with her intensity, her passion and her ability to communicate. The material which she has chosen to record stems from three main sources: Turkish, Greek, Arabic. But all of the songs are sung in Turkish, her native language, and represent her favorite repertory.

The words and music offered here for the listeners' enjoyment are those heard and danced to at the life-is-good family celebrations and parties of the Greek and Turkish people as well as those heard on occasions that bring a tear or wrench the heart.

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**Side One**

1. **BU DUNYANIN BOS** 3:45
   It's an Empty World
   It's an empty world . . . without love. It seems as though everybody else has the same problem. Don't break my heart or God will punish you. But if you come back to me, I will forgive you . . .

2. **KEDERLI GUNLER** 4:30
   Sad Days
   When I was sad you were so good to me and we were getting along so well . . . what happened that you changed so. If you really want to separate we will but I think that you should think it over for we were really meant for each other.

3. **MERHABA** 3:15
   Hello There
   I may be very young but I've been through a lot so don't be afraid to love me. But on second thought in spite of what I have told you about my experience I have only looked with my eyes and I hope that you can still find it in your heart to love me.

4. **BAGDAT YOLU** 3:25
   The Road to Baghdad
   You looked at me and branded my heart with that look. I am like an eagle and I am your canary. You put your claws into my heart. Let's go to Baghdad together and whatever sins you have, please God, put them on me.

5. **SUS, SUS, SUS** 3:26
   Hush, Honey, Hush
   Tonight I am happy because I have found what I am looking for: I could be your slave right away. But, hush, honey, hush, don't let your wife hear about our love affair.

**Side Two**

1. **KARA KAS** 3:50
   Black Brows
   You may have beautiful black brows and emerald eyes but those good looks will not last forever. Look at your father and you will see what you will look like soon. Then you will be sorry that you did not accept me now while I love you. I will love you forever . . . not only while you are young and good looking.

2. **YALANCININ BIRINE** 3:10
   I Fell in Love
   I fell in love with a handsome liar. This wasn't the first time; blond or dark, green eyes or blue, they are all liars and now I fell in love with another one. God, what have I done to deserve this!

3. **AZIZE** 3:45
   Aziza, My Love
   Aziza, I beg you, please don't leave me; I am so happy with you. I really don't know if you are going to be true to me but I am so happy with you so please don't leave me.

4. **AGORA MEYHANESI** 4:35
   The Agora Tavern
   The tavern named "Agora" has seen the most fantastic and craziest love affairs begin. Tonight I remember my love affair; everytime the raindrops fall on the window I remember you.

5. **INLEYEN NAGMELE** 3:15
   Sad Music Fills My Heart
   The saddest music fills my heart and I recall many songs, flying birds, beautiful spring and a lot of laughing lovers.

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