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Guy Van Duser and Billy Novick Exactly Like Us...

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Who hasn't wished at some time for a slower, [simpler](#) world where there was little to do but sit on a front porch in a perpetual summer's eve, rocking, sipping lemonade and dreamily whiling away the hours? Some say such a time and place never was and never will be, but only from there could this gentle, old-timey set have come. Clarinet and soprano sax player Billy Novick and acoustic guitarist Guy Van Duser set just the right tone with their simple, but delicately intertwined playing on charming standards such as ``My Blue Heaven,`` ``Louise`` and ``Exactly Like You`` from the early days of jazz and Tin Pan Alley. (The CD features five bonus tracks, including ``Royal Garden Blues`` and ``How Can You Face Me.``) Though lacking some of the energy and daffy humor of previous releases, Novick and Van Duser's latest proves a perfect antidote to these hectic times.