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*There is no God but God,  
Muhammad is His Messenger,  
God is He.*

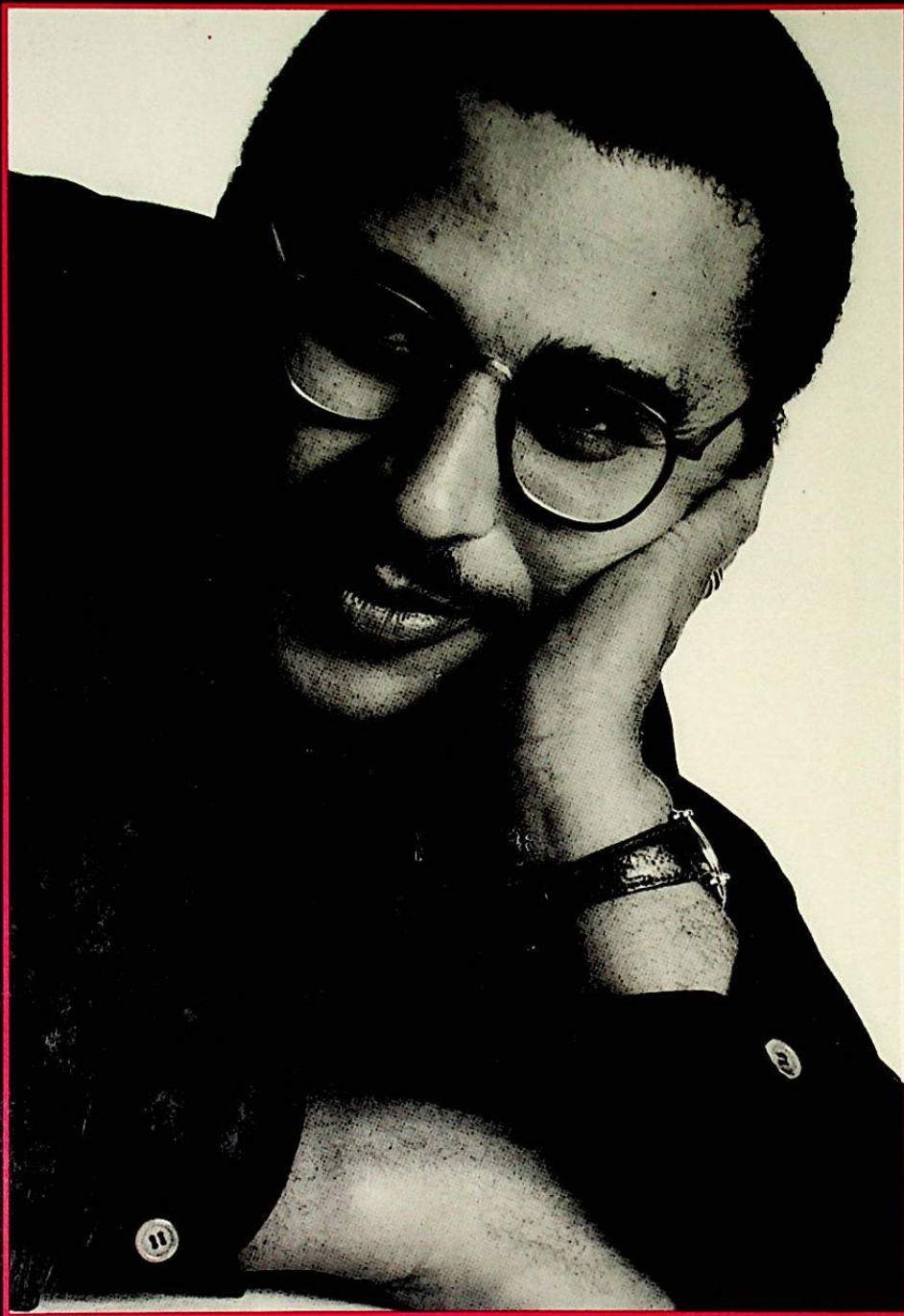
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