



Lata - Voice of the Golden Era

CONTENTS

Foreword by Shankar Mahadevan	08
Prelude	11
Lata: A Brief Biography	16
Lata: Her Songs, Her Composers	
1. Aayegaa Aanewaalaa – The Lata era begins!	20
2. Phir Teree Kahaanee Yaad Aayee – Lata with Naushad	26
3. Tumhein Yaad Karte Karte – Lata with Shankar-Jaikishan	42
4. Ham Naa Tumhein Bhulaayenge – Lata with C. Ramchandra	60
5. Roothke Tum To Chal Diye – Lata with Anil Biswas	74
6. Tum Naa Jaane Kis Jahaan Mein Kho Gaye – Lata with S.D. Burman	88
7. Woh Bhoollee Daastan – Lata with Madan Mohan	106
8. Rahein Naa Rahein Ham – Lata with Roshan	122
9. Kuchh Dil Ne Kahaa – Lata with Hemant Kumar	136
10. Naa Jiya Laage Naa – Lata with Salil Chowdhury	150
11. Tere Sur Aur Mere Geet – Lata with Vasant Desai	166
12. Raat Bhee Hai Kuchh Bheegee Bheegee – Lata with Jaidev	180
13. Saaze Dil Chhed De – Lata with Kalyanji-Anandji	194
14. Ik Pyaar Kaa Nagmaa Hai – Lata with Laxmikant-Pyarelal	208
15. Rainaa Beete Jaaye – Lata with R.D. Burman	228
16. Bahaaro Meraa Jeevan Bhee Sanwaaro – Lata with Khayyam	244
17. Tum Aashaa Vishwaas Hamaare – Lata with Hridaynath Mangeshkar	260
18. Guzaraa Huaa Zamaanaa – Lata with various Golden Era composers	272
19. Yeh Kahaan Aa Gaye Ham – Lata with various post-Golden Era composers	300
Lata: Interviews	
1. An interview to remember.....	314
2. The interview that wasn't!	328
Lata: Analyzing the Phenomenon	
1. Voice Vote	332
2. Questions, contentions and controversies - Part 1	336
3. Questions, contentions and controversies – Part 2 (Lata's own take!)	348
4. Why did Lata continue singing beyond her prime?	360
5. In a league of her own	370
Lata: Top 25 Song-lists	386
Acknowledgements	414
About The Author	416

