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THE AMERICAN BREED

Members: Al Ciner - rhythm guitar - May 14, 1947

Gary Liozzo - lead guitar, lead vocals - August 16, 1945

Lee Graziano — drums — November 9, 1943 Charles Colbern — bass — August 30, 1944

Hometown: Chicago, Illinois

Members of The American Breed first met in Chicago during the early sixties and decided to form a band to perform in local teen-age clubs. By 1967 the group had developed an enormous regional following and had attracted the attention of Bill Traut of the local Dunwich production company, who began producing their recordings for the West Coast Acta label. Their first few records became minor hits, but their fourth release "Bend Me, Shape Me" brought them major success. They were asked to sing a tune called "A Quiet Place" in the film 'No Way To Treat A Lady', and they followed with several more hits.

By 1969 The American Breed had faded from popularity and the group decided to change its base of operations to Los Angeles. After numerous personnel changes, including the addition of a keyboard player named Kevin Murphey and a female lead singer, they evolved into a group called Ask Rufus (named after a newspaper column). They eventually became known as Rufus, which, led by Chaka Khan, has become one of today's most popular "soul" groups.

THE BEACH BOYS

Members: Mike Love — lead vocalist - sax — March 15, 1941

Brian Wilson — keyboard and bass — June 20, 1942

Carl Wilson — guitar — December 21, 1946 Dennis Wilson — drums — December 4, 1944

Alan Jardine — rhythm guitar — September 3, 1942

Hometown: Hawthorne, California

The California-generated Beach boys form a bridge between the great Rock and Roll years of the fifties and the Beatles-led British invasion of the early sixties. Dennis Wilson had long wanted to write a song about the popular West Coast sport of surfing, so he convinced his brother Brian and his cousin Mike Love to give him a hand. The result was a tune called "Surfin", which was released on Candix, a local label, and the song became a regional hit early in 1962.

Nick Venet, a producer for Capitol records, heard the group, liked its sound, and signed them. In July 1962, the Beach Boys had their first national hit with "Surfin' Safari". They followed this initial pair of surfing songs with other songs teen-agers could relate to about cars and racing, the West Coast, and girls.

In the mid-sixties the group had an incredible number of hits, including three number-one records: "I Get Around", "Help Me, Rhonda" and "Good Vibrations". Brian left the group in the late sixties to concentrate on writing and arranging. In 1969 the group left Capitol and signed with Warner Brothers' Reprise records. The group still records and plays concert dates.

THE BELL NOTES

Members: Carl Bonura - sax - dual lead

Ray Ceroni — guitar - dual lead Lenny Giamblavo — bass

Pete Kane — piano

John Casey — drums

Hometown: Long Island, New York

New York disc jockey Alan Frederics heard the fellows playing in Long Island, and became interested in the group. He arranged an audition with Time records in New York, where they were eventually signed to a contract. Their first release in February of 1959, called "I've Had It" became a solid smash for the group.

BROOK BENTON

Real Name: Benjamin Franklin Peay Born: September 19, 1931 Hometown: Camden, South Carolina

In the early fifties, Brook joined Bill Landford's Spiritual Quartet and traveled across the country. Brook met songwriter Clyde Otis and the two of them collaborated on several hits in 1958 "Looking Back" for Nat King Cole and "Lover's Question" for Clyde McPhatter.

Brook's real success as a singer did not occur until early 1959, when he signed with Mercury records and released the first of many hits for the label, called "It's Just A Matter Of Time" a song that he wrote with Clyde Otis and Belford Hendricks. His biggest chart record came in May of 1961 with another song he had written with Otis called "The Boll Weevil Song". In 1960, with Dinah Washington he recorded two chart hits that both he and Otis had written called "Baby (You Got What It Takes)" and "A Rockin' Good Way". In January of 1970, he came back with another top-ten hit on Cotillion records called "Rainy Night in Georgia".

Brook has had eighteen gold records and was one of the early artists who wrote his own material. Today he lives with his wife and family in New York and continues to do concert tours and work in major clubs around the country.

CHUCK BERRY

Real Name: Charles Edward Anderson Berry

Born: October 18, 1926 Hometown: Wentzville, Missouri

In 1952, Chuck started his own group called the Chuck Berry combo and began playing local clubs in east St. Louis, at this time contemplating a career as either a hairdresser, a singer, or a photographer.

A vacation trip to Chicago in 1955 was the deciding factor in his decision. During this trip Chuck met blues singer Muddy Waters, who encouraged Chuck to go and see Leonard and Phil Chess, the two brothers who owned Chess records. Chuck auditioned for them with a song he had written called "Ida Red". They liked the song, but suggested he change the title. Remembering the name of a cow from a third grade story, Chuck renamed the song "Maybellene". The song was recorded, a contract was signed, and the beginning of a legend was launched in July 1955, with his first of many hits.

Chuck defines his music as giving a feeling of adventure or joy. In some of his songs he would write of personal experiences, like "School Days", which were his own high school experiences. So was "Sweet Little Sixteen" another experience he had while on tour. He wrote about one little eleven-year-old at the show who was busy collecting autographs for her wallet. The song became one of his biggest hits in early 1958. Later that same year he wrote and recorded a song that is said to be a musical autobiography — "Johnny B. Goode". Chuck feels that music is a "food for mood". He is a true rock and roll giant. He has been a tremendous influence on guitar players around the world.

Today Chuck continues to record for Chess records. He also has houses in Hollywood and Wentzville, Missouri.

GARY "U.S." BONDS

Real Name: Gary Anderson - then changed to Ulysses Samuel Bonds

Born: June 6, 1939

Hometown: Jacksonville, Florida

Gary started singing as a youngster. At three, his family moved to Norfolk, Virginia, where he lived until he was twenty-one. While in Norfolk he met Frank Guida who liked his style and wanted to record him, on Legrand label. Frank also suggested Gary change is name to "U.S." Bonds as a gimmick. So in the fall of 1960, Gary signed with Legrand and recorded "New Orleans" which became a smash hit. "Quarter To Three" which was his next hit, was recorded accidentally. A group known as Daddy G had a song out called "Night With Daddy G". Gary and his group played almost the identical music track, while Gary improvised some words and the group started a jam session. No one knew the tape recorder was on, and they accidentally recorded Gary's biggest hit. It was the number one song all across the country during the summer of

Today Gary lives in the New York area and is doing very well singing in various rock shows around the country.

PAT BOONE

Real Name: Charles Eugene Pat Boone

Born: June 1, 1934

Hometown: Nashville, Tennessee

Pat is a descendant of frontiersman Daniel Boone. He attended high school in Nashville. Here he married Western star Red Foley's daughter, Shirley. Pat went to David Lipscomb College in Nashville, then transferred to North Texas State, where he won a local talent show and was encouraged to audition for Ted Mack's Amateur Hour. He did, and won, then went to Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scout show in 1954 and won again, and became a regular on the show.

His early recording career began on Republic records in Nashville, with songs like "Until You Tell Me So". But it wasn't until Hugh Cherry of WMAK radio Nashville introduced him to Randy Wood, president of Dot records, that things started to happen. Randy was impressed with Pat's voice and clean-cut image so he signed him to a recording contract. His frist record for Dot was "Two Hearts, Two Kisses" in 1955. It wasn't until November of the same year that Pat had any success, which he found in a Fats Domino song called "Ain't That A Shame". His white buck shoes that were his trademark were used quite accidentally. Pat wore those shoes on TV every week at the beginning, because they were the only shoes he had. When they caught on, he continued to wear them as part of his clean-cut image. His two favorite songs are "Love Letters In The Sand" and "Speedy Gonzales".

THE CRESTS

Members: Johnny Maestro (Real name: Mastrangelo) — lead — Brooklyn, New York — Born: May 7, 1939

Jay Carter (1939) — bass — Brooklyn, New York, - replaced by Eddie Wright in 1960

Harrold Torres (1940) — second tenor — Staten Island, New York - replaced by Chuck Foote in 1960 Tommy Gough (1940) — first tenor — Staten Island, New York - replaced by Leonard Alexander in 1960.

The group first formed in the late fifties and signed with Joyce records. In 1958 they signed with George Paxton, president of Coed records and recorded "Pretty Little Angel". In November of that year they had their first smash hit "Sixteen Candles" which carried into 1959 as their biggest hit.

Johnny left the group in 1961 to go as a single artist on Coed with "Model Girl". His career without the Crests went downhill. I wasn't until 1968 when he formed another group The Brooklyn Bridge, and became their lead voice, that his career went back on the upswing. Today Johnny sings lead with The Brooklyn Bridge (of "The Worst That Could Happen" fame) and resides outside of New York City.

THE DEL VIKINGS

Members: Norman Wright — lead — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania — Born: Oct. 21, 1937

Corinthian "Kripp" Johnson — first tenor — Cambridge, Maryland Donald "Gus" Bakus — second tenor — Southampton, LI, New York

David Lerchey — baritone — New Albany, Indiana Clarence E. Quick — bass — Brooklyn, New York

The five fellows formed a singing group in 1955, while stationed in the Air Force in Pittsburgh. They practiced in the service club each day. In late 1956, Clarence wrote a song at the piano in five minutes called "Come Go With Me" which he suggested the group record. This was the same time they had won the "Tops In Blues" show sponsored by the Air Force.

They went to the home of a friend named Barry Kaye, a Pittsburgh disc jockey and recorded the song in his basement. The room was so small and poorly equipped acoustically that some of the members had to get into a closet to get the sound they were looking for. They sold the song to Fee-Bee records where it became an instant hit. A few months later, in early 1957, Dot records purchased the recording and released it nationally, and signed the group to the label. The fellows chose to call themselves the Del Vikings after going through some books in a library and running across the accounts of the Vikings. They took that name and just added "Del" to it. The Del Vikings, which had Dave and Gus, two white members and Kripp, Norman and Clarence, who were black, were one of the few mixed groups with a hit recording.

After "Come Go With me" became a national hit, Mercury records tried to lure the group to record for them, after their discharge from the Air Force. All of them except Kripp had been under twenty-one when they signed with Dot, so, except for Kripp, they were not legally bound by Dot. So when Mercury offered more money, they all left for the new label. Kripp remained with Dot and formed another Del Vikings group with all black members, while the other four members went to Mercury and added another black member named William Blakely. At Mercury they recorded "Cool Shake" on which Gus sang lead, and "Sunday Kind Of Love" on which Norman sang lead. These were the two biggest hits they had for Mercury. Dot released "Whispering Bells" with Kripp singing lead. During the summer of 1957, there were two Del Viking hits on the charts, "Whispering Bells" on Dot and "Cool Shake" on Mercury, at the same time. This led to many legal entanglements to be resolved.

By December 1, 1957, Mercury got complete control of the group name. Kripp left Dot to work for Fee-Bee music and Chuck Jackson, an unknown at the time in Kripp's group, began a solo career that would get him hits on Wand records in 1961, with songs like "I Don't Want To Cry". The Mercury Del Vikings continued, but with no other major hits.

Today Gus lives in Europe, Norman in New York City, Clarence in Brooklyn, and Kripp in Pittsburg. Norman and Clarence sang with two other members of the Del Vikings several years ago, but have not sung together since.

THE DOVELLS

Members: Len Barry (lead) Born: June 12, 1942

Jerry Summers (first tenor) Born: December 29, 1942 Mike Dennis (second tenor) Born: June 3, 1943 Arnie Satin (baritone) Born: May 11, 1943 Danny Brooks (bass) Born: April 1, 1942

Hometown: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The group was formed in 1957 and they sang at local school functions. They wrote several tunes as a group like "No, No, No", which gained some recognition in Philadelphia. After little success, the group disbanded. In December 1960, they got together again to audition for Dave Appell, the A & R director of Parkway records in Philly. He signed them to the label. In the summer of 1961, they recorded "The Bristol Stomp" which became their biggest hit. Len Barry left the group in 1963 and a couple of years later, he had a hit with the song "1-2-3". Today most of the fellows reside in Philadelphia, where Mike and Jerry sing together with a third member as the Dovells.

MARIANNE FAITHFULL

Born: 1948

Hometown: Hempstead, North Longon, England

Marianne is the daughter of Dr. Robert G. Faithfull, a professor at the Univ. of London and Ava Sacher-Masoch, Baroness Erisso. At age eight she entered St. Joseph's Convent School and gave no thought to music. However, a stroke of fate in 1964 changed her life entirely and she never returned to school. She and a friend accompanied Peter Asher (soon to become famous a half of Peter & Gordon) to a show-business party. One of the other guests was Andrew Loog Oldham, manager of the rolling Stones. Oldham was so taken with Marianne's name and appearance that he signed her immediately without even asking if she could sing! Fortunately she could, and Rolling Stones Mick Jagger and Keith Richard reworked an old English madrigal into the song that would become her first release "As Tears Go By".

Although Marianne had several additional international hits, she did a considerable amount of film and stage work in the late sixties, including being seen regularly on British television. However, it was for her continual personal difficulties that she was best known well into the early seventies.

After nearly two years in retirement, Marianne Faithfull reemerged in 1973 to resume her stage career.

THE FALCONS

Members: Eddie Floyd - lead

Joe Stubbs — tenor Bonny Rice — baritone Willie Schoefield — bass Lance Finnie — guitar

Hometown: Detroit, Michigan

Bonny Rice formed the group in early 1959 in Detroit, and they began to get some local engagements. Later guitarist Lance Finnie & Willie Schoefield wrote a song which the group began to practice with. They finally got a recording contract with Unart and decided to record Lance & Willie's song as their first endeavor. "You're So Fine" was released in April 1959 and became a national hit.

In late 1961 Wilson Pickett joined the group as lead singer. They signed a new contract with Lupine Records and recorded their only other real hit "I Found A Love" released in March 1962. Pickett left the group shorty after, signing with Double-L records in 1963 and later with Atlantic in 1965.

Eddie Floyd signed with Stax records in 1966 and recorded "Knock On Wood" which was the first of many hits. Joe Stubbs was the brother of Levi Stubbs, the lead singer of the Four Tops.

FRANKIE FORD

Hometown: Fretna, Louisiana

Frankie went to Holy Name of Mary High School and won a musical scholarship to Southeastern College in Hammond, Louisiana. In January 1959, Frankie recorded a song that Huey "Piano" Smith had written and given to Frankie to record. The result was the song "Sea Cruise", which became a top twenty song for Frankie in January 1959.

BARBARA GEORGE

Born:

August 16, 1942

Hometown: New Orleans, Louisiana

Barbara began singing in a church choir in New Orleans at seventeen. She later began appearing at local clubs. In late 1961, she was signed by AFO records. "I Know" her first and biggest hit was released in October of that year. Barbara had written the song herself. This was followed by "You Talk About Love" and "Send For Me".

LESLEY GORE

Born:

May 2, 1946

Hometown: Tenafly, New Jersey

Lesiey became interested in singing as a youngster when her cousin Alan introduced her to his jazz record collection. Her favorites were June Christy, Chris Connor and Anita O'Day.

In early 1963, while a senior in high school, Lesley was heard singing with her cousin's band by Quincy Jones of Mercury records. She was signed to the label. A few months later, while Lesley and Quincy were going over some demo records, they found a song that seemed right for her. They recorded it and released it in April 1963, and in a short time "It's My Party" became a number one national hit.

After a string of hits with Quincy Jones as her producer, she left Mercury in late 1967. She signed with Bob Crewe in 1968 after he started his own label

In 1971, she began writing her own material and a year later she signed with Mowest records, a division of Motown. She released her first album with them in August of 1972.

Today Lesley lives in Los Angeles and still records for Mowest and makes occasional concert appearances.

BILL HALEY & THE COMETS

Members:

Bill Haley (William John Clifton Haley, Jr.) - guitar - Born: March 1927 - Highland Park, Michigan

John Grande — accordion and piano Billy Williamson — steel guitar Rudy Pompelli — sax — 1928

Al Rex - bass

Francis Beecher - Spanish guitar

Don Raymond — drums Hometown: Chester, Pennsylvania

Bill came from a musical family. His mother was a church organist and his dad played the banjo. Both encouraged Bill to learn the guitar. At fifteen Bill left home to travel with the Down Homers. Later he became musical director and head of his own band which played on a small radio station in Chester. The aggregation was known as Bill Haley's Saddlemen, and in 1951 they began to record for Essex records. One of their first recorded efforts was "We're Going To Rock This Joint Tonight".

In 1952 the name of the group was changed to the Comets. A couple of moderate hits followed: "Dance With The Dolly" and "Patty Cake". About this time, Bill wrote a song for a friend named Danny Cedarone, who was then heading up a group called The Esquire Boys. The song "Rock-a-Beatin! Boogle" wa a hit for the group. When Bill Haley and the Comets recorded the same song, Alan Freed, who worked for WJW radio in Cleveland, Ohio, at the time was so intrigued by the song's words, "Rock, Rock, Rock Everybody, Roll, Roll, Roll, Roll, Everybody", that it is said he coined the phrase rock and roll.

In May 1953, the group had their first major hit with "Crazy Man Crazy". They had their first of many hits for Decca in 1954 with "Shake, Rattle and Roll". In 1955 they had their biggest all-time seller, and the song that has sold more records than any other single pop hit, over 22-1/2 milion copies since 1955, "Rock Around The Clock". (The song was featured in Blackboard Jungle.)

Bill's identifying trademark was the little spit curl that he always tumbled over his forehead. Today Bill lives in New Mexico but continues to travel all over the world playing his own special brand of rock and roll. Rudy Pompelli is the only original member to remain with Bill.

GEORGE HAMILTON IV

Born:

July 19, 1937

Hometown: Winston-Salem, NC

The president of WTOB-TV secured George an audition on Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scout show and George was signed to appear for one week. He later became a regular on the Grand Ole Opry. In the fall of 1956, George recorded his first major hit, "A Rose And A Baby Ruth" on Colonial records.

DALE HAWKINS

Born:

August 30, 1938

Hometown: Bossier, Louisiana

Guitar-playing Dale got a chance to go into a recording studio in 1957. He recorded a song he had written with two other friends called "Susie-Q". It was sold to Checker records of Chicago, and went on to become his first hit in May 1957. His other records were "La-do-dada", "A House, A Car And A Wedding Ring", and "Yeah Yeah".

BOBBY HENDRICKS

Born:

February 22, 1938

Hometown: Columbus, Ohio

Bobby started singing in Columbus, with a group called the Five Crowns. Next he sang with the Swallows. He left the group to sing as lead singer with the Drifters for about eight months. He sang lead on "Moonlight Bay" and "Drip Drop". In 1958, Bobby and guitar player Jimmy Oliver wrote "Itchy Twitchy Feeling". Sue records released the record that summer. His only other major hit came in November 1960 with a song called "Psycho".

CLARENCE "FROGMAN" HENRY

Born:

1937

Hometown: Algiers, Louisiana

Clarence's first professional job was a singer-pianist with Bobby Michell's band in 1955. Pascal Marcello, owner of the Joy Lounge in New Orleans, introduced Clarence Chess of Chess records. This resulted in a contract with Chess's subsidiary Argo records. In October 1956, he recorded a song called "Ain't Got No Home", his first hit for the label. He got his nickname "Frogman" because he sang in three different voices in the song, the lowest voice sounding like a frog.

HERMAN'S HERMITS

Members:

Herman (Peter Blair Denis Bernard Noone) — lead vocals, piano, guitar — Born: November 5, 1947 - Manchester, England Karl Anthony Greene — guitar, harmonica — Born: July 31, 1947 - Salford, England

Keith Hopwood — guitar — Born: October 26, 1946 - Manchester, England Derek "Lek" Leckenby - guitar - Born: May 14, 1945 - Leeds, England Barry Whitham — drums — Born: July 21, 1946 - Manchester, England

A major component of the mid-sixties "British invasion", Herman's Hermits achieved the height of popularity in the United States without ever making any real impact in their own country.

The group began in 1963, when child actor Peter Noone attended a Manchester youth-club performance of a group known as The Heartbeats. The group needed someone to fill in that day and Noone, who had had some voice training, offered to help. The audience reaction was so overwhelming that they decided to form a permanent group. This evolved into Herman's Hermits, featuring the above line-up. Their name was chosen because Noone was thought to resemble Sherman in the TV cartoon "Rocky & His Friends"; the nickname eventually became "Herman".

After establishing a strong reputation in Manchester, the group came to the attention of producer Mickie Most and began recording in 1964. Their first success came later that year with a cover version of the Earl-Jean hit, "I'm Into Something Good". They continued with a long string of hits that lasted nearly four years and appeared in the film 'When The Boys Meet The Girls'. They eventually disbanded in 1970.

Today Peter Noone records as a solo singer and occasionally works as an actor. The Hermits, featuring a new lead singer, have regrouped.

THE INNOCENTS

Members: Jim West (lead) Born: January 7, 1941

Al Candaleria (bass) Born: March 7, 1941 Darron Stankey (tenor) Born: July 5, 1942

Hometown: Sun Valley, California

In 1958, at a party, Jim asked to join AI and Darron, who had been singing as a duo. They worked together as a trio and went to Indigo records for an audition in 1960. This led to a recording contract and their first release in August 1960 "Honest I Do". After that song, they backed up Kathy Young, on the same label, on the song "A Thousand Stars".

CHUCK JACKSON

Real Name: Charles Jackson Born: July 22, 1937 Hometown: Latta, So. Carolina

While a student at South Carolina State College in the late fifties, Chuck decided to leave school and return to Pittsburgh. Chuck then auditioned for Joe Averback, who was managing the Del Vikings, who had a major hit with "Come Go With Me". Dave Lerchey, the group's baritone, was leaving the group. Chuck replaced him from 1957 until 1959.

In 1959 he left the group and signed a contract with Clock records. After four or five bad recordings, Chuck left the label and went on tour with his good friend Jackie Wilson. At the Apollo theater in New York, Chuck met Luther Dixon, a writer and producer for Scepter records. Luther liked Chuck's style and had him signed to Scepter's subsidiary, Wand records.

In late 1960, Chuck and Luther collaborated on "I Don't Want To Cry" in January which became Chuck's first major hit for the label. Burt Bacharach wrote a song called "Any Day Now" that he wanted Chuck to record. Scepter president had Tommy Hunt record the song. Burt, however, refused to let them release it. After a year, Scepter let Chuck record it and it became his biggest all-time seller.

Today Chuck and his family live in Teaneck, New Jersey. He records for MCA records and still travels and performs around the country.

JOHNNIE AND JOE

Members: Johnnie Richardson — Born: June 29, 1945 — Montgomery, Alabama Joe Rivers — Born: March 20, 1937 — Charleston, South Carolina

In the spring of 1957, while living in the Bronx, Joe heard a song that his neighbor Rex Garvin had written and liked the song very much. Joe took Rex over to Zell Sanders' house to rehearse the song. Zell liked the song but felt that someone should sing background on it. Zell had her daughter Johnnie rehearse the song with Joe and they finally recorded it. The recording was sold to Chess records and in April 1957 "Over The Mountain, Across The Sea" became a national hit.

Although the duo went their separate ways during the sixties, today they both still live in the Bronx and are still singing at local clubs as Johnnie and Joe.

JANIS JOPLIN

Born: January 19, 1943 Died: October 3, 1970 Hometown: Port Arthur, Texas

Affectionately known as "Pearl", Janis Joplin had only a brief career but was able, during that period, to rise to the absolute heights of rock super-stardom.

She began singing during her early teen years, patterning herself after such blues figures as Bessie Smith and Huddie (Leadbelly) Ledbetter. She traveled about during the mid-sixties, eventually settled in San Francisco, becoming close friends with Chet Helms, a fellow she had previously known in her home state of Texas. Helms brought her together with Big Brother & The Holding Company, which led to her legendary appearance at the 1967 Monterey Pop Festival, her management offer from Albert Grossman (who also handled the likes of Bob Dylan and Peter, Paul & Mary) and her meteoric rise to fame.

After her last public appearance with Big Brother on December 1, 1968, Janis embarked on a solo career and formed her own back-up group, The Full Tilt Boogie Band (containing Sam Andrew from Big Brother). Beginning with the release of her first solo album "I Got Dem Ol' Kozmic Blues Again Mama", she was to reign for the next two years as rock music's leading female vocalist. However, her career came to a tragic and abrupt end on October 3, 1970, when her body was found at Hollywood's Landmark Motor Hotel. A victim of accidental drug overdose, Janis was cremated and her ashes scattered at sea near Stinson Beach in Marin County, California.

CHRIS KENNER

Chris was a popular songwriter who worked out of New Orleans in the fifties. In New Orleans Chris met Joe Banashak of Instant records. Joe liked Chris's style and asked him to record for his label.

In early 1961, Chris recorded a song he wrote called "I Like It Like That", which became a national smash. Two years later he had another chart record with "Land of 1,000 Dances", which he also wrote with Fats Domino. The song was only mildly popular for him but it was a big seller for both Cannibal & The Headhunters and Wilson Pickett later on in the sixtles.

10 LULU

Real Name: Marie McDonald McLaughlin Lawrie

Born: Nov. 3, 1948

Hometown: Lennoxtown, Scotland

Marie Lawrie began singing at the age of three and was performing at concert parties in local pubs by the time she was nine. She acquired her stage name when someone in her audience described her as a "lulu of a singer".

After graduating from Glasgow's Whitehill Senior Secondary School, she began a period of residency at Scotland's Lindella Club. She drew a great deal of attention, receiving offers from several backing groups and settling in with a band called The Luvvers. Lulu & The Luvvers were signed by the British Decca label, where they achieved a major hit with the standard "Shout". In 1967 Lulu was on a British tour with The Beach Boys when she was seen by the producer of the movie "To sir With Love" and offered a leading role. Her recording of the movie's theme reached number one and was one of a string of pop hits that lasted into the early seventies.

Today Lulu is a major international club attraction. Although she was married for a time to Maurice Gibb of The Bee Gees, they are presently separated.

CURTIS LEE

Born: October 28, 1941 Hometown: Yuma, Arizona

Singer Ray Peterson and his manager Stan Shulman saw Curtis performing at a club in Tucson. They were impressed with his act and convinced him to go to New York and record for Dunes records. He debuted on the label with "Pledge of Love". The record went nowhere. However, during the summer of 1961, he recorded a song he had written along with Tommy Boyce "Pretty Little Angel Eyes". It became his biggest hit.

BARBARA MASON

Born: August 9, 1947

Hometown: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Barbara began her show-business career by putting together local talent shows as a youngster. She was a proficient piano player by the time she was fourteen. She organized a vocal group with some friends during the mid-sixties and auditioned for a small local club. Present in the audience was Arthur McDougal III (later promotion director of Motown), who strongly encouraged her to pursue a solo career. He introduced her to manager Jim Bishop and her recording career was soon on its way.

In 1965 Barbara affiliated with the Arctic label and achieved a top-five hit with "Yes I'm Ready". She continued with a string of chart entries which lasted through the end of 1967.

After a brief hiatus in her recording activities, Barbara signed with Buddah in 1972 and began working with Curtis Mayfield. She has achieved a number of major hits, including "Give Me Your Love" from the sound track of the movie 'Superfly'.

CLYDE McPHATTER

Born: 1931

Died: June 13, 1972

Hometown: Durham, North Carolina

Clyde was a choir boy at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Durham. At age twelve, he moved to New York and continued singing in churches. In 1950 he joined the singing group The Dominoes, recording songs with them like "Do Something For Me" and "Sixty Minute Man" in 1951, "Have Mercy Baby" and "I'd Be Satisfied" in 1952, and "The Bells" and "These Foolish Things" in 1953, all on Federal records.

Clyde left The Dominoes in September 1953, to form his own group, The Drifters. In October 1953, they released the first of many hits for Atlantic records, "Money Honey". In 1954, Clyde was drafted. On leave from the Army, he recorded his first solo hit in late 1955, "Seven Days". In 1956, he had a smash hit with "Treasure Of Love".

Clyde met an untimely death in June 1972, when he died of a heart attack at the age of forty-one, at his home in Teaneck, New Jersey.

THE MONOTONES

Members: Charles Patrick — lead — Born: September 11, 1938

Warren Davis — first tenor — Born: March 1, 1939 George Malone — second tenor — Born: January 5, 1940 Warren Ryanes — baritone — Born: December 14, 1937

John Smith — bass — Born: May 13, 1938

John Ryanes — bass — Born: November 16, 1940 — Died: May 30, 1972

Hometown: Newark, New Jersey

The fellows lived in the same housing project called Baxter Terrace, in Newark. In 1954, while in high school, they decided to form a singing group. They were very content just playing local functions and really did not consider a recording career. They were looking for a group name when they heard of another group in Newark called The Monotones, who were not really making use of the name. Consequently, they decided to borrow the name for themselves, since they felt "one sound" described their style.

In 1957, Charles Patrick was listening to the radio one day when he had an idea for a song. It seems that while he was looking at some sheet music entitled "Book Of Love", a song written by Al Stillman for the Four Lads, Charles heard the Pepsodent commercial for toothpaste with the line "wonder where the yellow went". From there he used the line "I wonder, wonder who! who wrote the book of love" as an idea for a song. He went home and got together with George Malone and Warren Davis of the group and they finished the song.

Although they had the song, they never thought of recording it themselves. When another singing group from Newark, The Kodaks, wanted to record "The Book Of Love", the Monotones decided to do it themselves. They recorded the song in January 1958 and sold the tape to Argo records, which released it. A few months later it went on to become a pop chart hit and a rock and roll classic.

Today all the fellows still live in New Jersey and sing together as the Monotones on occasion with the exception of John Ryanes, one of the two original bass singers, who died in May 1972.

THE MURMAIDS

Members: Carol Fischer - 1948

Terry Fischer — 1946

Sally Gordon — 1946

Hometown: Los Angeles, California

The Fischer girls are the daughters of the late Carl Fischer, noted musical arranger and director for Frankie Laine. Sally Gordon was a long-time friend and neighbor. Mrs. Fischer brought the group to the attention of Ruth Conte, the president of Chattahoochee records. At the time, Kim Fowley, the recording director for the label, had just acquired a tune written by neighbor David Gates (later to form the group Bread), which they felt was suitable for the girls.

In October 1963, the girls recorded "Popsicles And Icicles" while they were all in college. It turned out to be a national hit and the only one they ever had.

AARON NEVILLE

Hometown: New Orleans, Louisiana

Aaron Neville is the brother of veteran musician Art Neville, keyboard player for The Meters. In 1954 both Art and Aaron were members of an R & B group called The Hawketts. During the following years, the brothers pursued largely separate careers and became fixtures on the New Orleans music scene, Aaron as an artist for the Mint label.

During the mid-sixties a former teacher named Warren Parker teamed up with two of the area's musicians, Red Tyler and George Davis, to form a record company called Parlo. Signing Aaron Neville as their first artist, they launched their company with Neville's recording of "Tell It Like It Is" which became an overwhelming regional hit, eventually reaching the top of the charts.

Neville was able to achieve only one more chart entry before Parlo ran into difficulties and ceased operations. Today he continues to perform around the New Orleans area and often works as a studio musician and vocalist.

THE OUTSIDERS

Members:

Sonny Gerace — lead vocals — 1947 — Cleveland, Ohio

William Bruno — lead guitar — 1945 — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Tom King — rhythm guitar — 1943 — Cleveland, Ohio

Merdin Prince Gunnar "Mert" Madsen — bass, harmonica — 1943 — Denmark

Ricky Baker - drums - 1948 - Cleveland, Ohio

Known originally as The Starfires, this group was organized in 1965 by Tom King, a veteran of several Cleveland semi-pro bands. Beginning with "Mert" Madsen, he recruited the other members from the midwestern club circuit and built them into one of the area's leading attractions before the year's end.

Late in 1965, the group began circulating tapes of their material to record companies, meeting with a receptive ear and a contract offer from Capitol. Their initial release "Time Won't Let Me" reached the top five and prompted the release of an album of the same name. They continued with a string of hits through the end of 1966, including a remake of the Isley Brother's "Respectable".

As their popularity faded, The Outsiders eventually disbanded during the late sixties. In 1972 Sonny Geraci, along with one of The Outsiders' back-up musicians, Walter Nims, emerged in a new group called Climax.

PETER & GORDON

Members:

Peter Asher — Born: June 22, 1944 — London, England

Gordon Trueman Riviere Waller - Born: June 4, 1945 - Braemaer, Scotland

Peter and Gordon met and began performing at Westminster Boys School in London. In 1963 they began circulating demo tapes to record companies hoping to obtain a contract. Their cause was greatly aided by the fact that Peter's sister, actress Jane Asher, was dating Beatle Paul McCartney at the time, and they were signed early in 1964 by EMI. They launched their career with a Lennon-McCartney song "World Without Love" which became a sizable British hit and reached the top of the American charts. They followed with "Nobody I Know" and a dozen additional hits extending well into 1967. These included a Del Shannon tune "I Go To Pieces" and "Woman" a song written by Paul McCartney under the pseudonym of Bernard Webb!

Peter & Gordon separated late in 1967, Gordon to perform as a solo artist and Peter to become a producer for Apple Records. Peter eventually left Apple to manage James Taylor and to build him into a major star. Today he is an extremely successful independent record producer, while Gordon has continued his career as a solo performer.

WILSON PICKETT

Born: March 18, 1941 Hometown: Detroit, Michigan

In 1962 Wilson, who had sung rhythm and blues since he was a youngster, joined a Detroit group called the Falcons (who three years earlier had had a hit with "You're So Fine"). They recorded "I Found A Love" for LuPine records. It became a moderate hit in March of that year.

Producer Robert Bateman convinced Wilson to go out as a single and he signed with Double-L records, premiering in March 1963 with "If You Need Me".

In 1965, he signed with Atlantic records and in June of that year had the first of many hits when "In The Midnight Hour" was released.

THE PLATTERS

Members: Tony Williams - lead - April 5, 1938 - Elizabeth, New Jersey

Zola Taylor - Los Angeles

David Lynch -- second tenor -- St. Louis, Missouri

Paul Robi — baritone — New Orleans, Louisiana (repalced Alex Hodge)

Herb Reed — bass — Kansas City, Missouri

Tony, David, Herb & Alex Hodge formed the Platters in Los Angeles in 1953. Shortly thereafter, Tony had the group audition for songwriter Buck Ram, who liked their sound. Buck worked with the group for a while and got them a recording contract with Federal records in Cincinnati. After a couple of records, Buck recruited a fifteen-year-old singer named Zola Taylor to add a little different sound. At this time, Alex Hodge left and was replaced by Paul Robi.

In 1955, Buck had the group record his song "Only You" which was rather poorly done. Sales were only moderate, and Federal became disenchanted with the group. So Buck began looking for a major label to take them. Since Buck was ready to make a recording deal with Mercury for another group he managed, the Penguis & (who had had a major hit with "Earth Angel" on Dootone records), Buck told Mercury that the only way they would be able to sign the Penguins was to sign the Platters as well. Mercury finally gave in.

In the summer of 1955, the group rerecorded "Only You" for Mercury, which became the group's first national hit. Later that year they recorded another Buck Ram song "The Great Pretender" which became the number one song and the group's biggest all-time seller.

From 1955 until 1960, the group had four number one songs and sixteen gold records. They became the most popular yocal group of the fifties.

Tony and his wife Helen live in New York City and are singing along with their son and two other members as Tony Williams and the Platters. Zola Taylor lives in Los Angeles, as does David Lynch and Paul Robi. Zola and Paul sing with separate groups, while Dave works for a juke-box company. Herb Reed lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and has a singing group that he travels with.

THE RAYS

Members: Harold "Hal" Miller - lead - Born: January 17, 1931

Walter Ford — tenor — Born: September 5, 1931
Davey Jones — second tenor — Born: 1931
Harry James — baritone — Born: 1932

Hometown: New York, New York

In 1955, Hal and Davey sang with a group called The Four Fellows ("Soldier Boy" on Glory records) and then decided to leave the group. They got together with Walter and Harry and formed a new group, calling themselves the Rays on the recommendation of their vocal arranger, Jimmy Duggan.

They went with Chess records and recorded "Tippity Top" which was mildly popular. At this time they met songwriters Bob Crewe and Frank Slay, Jr., who signed them to their label, SYZ records.

In May 1957, while Bob was riding a train through Pennsylvania, it stopped at a town where he saw two people silhouetted on a shade. This gave him an idea for a song. He took it to Frank Slay, and they wrote "Silhouettes", which they had the group record. Bob gave the record to Hy Lit, a disc jockey at WFIL in Philadelphia, who took it home to listen to with a dozen others. He put them on his record player and proceeded to take a nap while the records played. "Silhouettes" was the last record on the stack and wound up being played a half-dozen times before Hal got up to shut the machine off. He was so taken by the song that he took it with him to play on his show the next day. The rest is history. The song was released on Cameo records and by September 1957, it was a national hit.

Today Hal lives in Brooklyn. Walt and Harry own real estate agencies, while Davey operates a bar in Brooklyn. The group gets together for a rare appearance with only Hal and Walter of the original members.

THE REGENTS

Members: Guy Villari - lead - August 11, 1942

Sal Cuomo — first tenor — August 10, 1939 Charles Fassert — second tenor — 1939 Don Jacobucci — baritone — August 8, 1938

Tony Gravagna — bass — 1939

Hometown: Bronx, New York

The group first got together in 1959 and began singing on street corners in the Bronx. They called themselves the Regents, because Guy Villari was smoking Regent cigarettes and the group did some recording at Regent Sound studio.

In 1959 the group recorded a song that charles Fassert's brother Fred had written, "Barbara-Ann". Several years later they took the recording to Lou Cicchetti who owned Cousins records. Lou liked the song and called a friend, Morris Diamond, to listen to the recording. Morris agreed and they decided to release it on Cousins records.

The song was released in April 1961 and sold rapidly in the New York area. The song went on to become a national hit that summer.

Their follow-up "Runaround" was also a national hit during the summer of 1961. Their last major hit for Gee records was a song called "Liar". In 1962 the group changed their name to the Runarounds and recorded songs like "Unbelievable" and "Let Them Talk" which were only mildly popular, on K-C records.

Today Guy lives on Long Island and works as a record distributor in Long Island City. Don is a businessman in Florida, while Chuck is in California. Guy still sings on weekends with Ronnie Lapinsky and Bob Falcone as the Regents in the New York area.

CHARLIE RICH

Born: December 12, 1932 Hometown: Colt, Arkansas

As a lover of music during his adolescense, Charlie joined a combo. After graduating from high school, he entered the University of Arkansas as a music major, concentrating on the piano. Later he enlisted in the Air Force. There Rich formed his own group called The Velvetones. They played around the base but broke up when Charlie was discharged.

Charlie returned to Arkansas and began farming. Still, music was in his blood. He managed to get some weekend bookings around the Memphis area and was heard by a talent scout for Phillips International Records. He was signed, but only as a session pianist for Judd Records (Judd Phillips was the brother of Sam Phillips). Sam later heard Rich's singing and signed him as a vocalist/pianist to the Phillips International label

After a trio of singles, Rich hit it big with "Lonely Weekends" in 1960. He continued making records for Phillips International, but it wasn't until his move to Smash Records that Charlie Rich found chart success with the 1965 rocker "Mohari Sam". Today Rich is a highly successful country artist.

JIMMIE RODGERS

Born: September 18, 1933 Hometown: Camas, Washington

As a youngster, Jimmie went to Seattle to try his hand at singing and worked in the area for a while. During the Korean War, he enlisted in the Air Force and did a lot of singing while in the service. After his discharge, he pursued a professional career.

In early 1957, he auditioned for Hugo and Luigi at Roulette records, with a song called "Honeycomb". They liked the song, had Jimmie record it and in July 1957 saw it zoom to the top of the charts — the only number one hit he ever had. In 1961, after a long string of "rockabilly" hits for Roulette, Jimmie signed with Dot records.

In a rock and roll age which emphasized a heavy beat and group harmonies, Jimmie's art was unique. His folk sound proved to be a very successful blend.

In Los Angeles on December 2, 1967, Jimmie was found in his car with a fractured skull — a mysterious incident which almost claimed his life. Today he makes few public appearances.

THE ROLLING STONES

Members: Michael Philip Jagger (lead vocals) Born: July 26, 1943 - England

Keith Richard (lead guitar) Born: December 18, 1943 - England

Brian Jones (rhythm guitar) Born: February 28, 1942 - England - Died: July 3, 1969 - replaced by Mick Taylor (left group in

1975) replaced by Ron Wood Born: June 1, 1947 - England William Wyman (bass) Born: October 24, 1941 - England Charles Robert Watts (drums) Born: June 2, 1941 - England

Thoroughly immersed in "raunchy" American blues and R & B, the Rolling Stones emerged during the mid-sixties as a complete antithesis to The Beatles and all other groups spearheading the "British invasion". Their irreverent approach to rock 'n' roll soon established them as the world's leading R & R band, a position that they are acknowledged by most to continue to occupy today.

The group's history traces back to the early sixties, when two school friends, Keith Richard and Mick Jagger, began sitting in with a band called Alex Korner's Blues Inc. The drummer was Charlie Watts and the three eventually came together with Brian Jones and Will Wyman as the Rolling Stones. After building a substantial cult following, they attracted the attention of an aspiring young manager named Andrew Loog Oldham. With Eric Easton, Oldham began handling The Stones and obtained a recording contract with British Decca. Both their singles and their albums have been setting international sales records ever since.

Apart from recording activities, the career of the Rolling Stones has been marked by a number of events. During the late sixties, the group suffered a number of drug-related arrests, a situation that led to the departure of Brian Jones. Shortly after his resignation, he was found drowned in the swimming pool of his home.

Today the Rolling Stones continues as a quintet, living once again in England, after having briefly relocated in France.

THE FIVE SATINS

Members: Fred Parris — lead — 1936

Rich Freeman — tenor — 1940 West Forbes — second tenor — 1937 Lewis Peeples — harmony — 1937 Sy Hopkins — bass — 1938

Hometown: New Haven, Connecticut

In 1954, Fred Parris was the leader of a group called the Scarletts. He was also partial to a group called the Velvets. It's not hard to see how Fred picked "Satin" as the name of the new group he formed in 1956. Guard duty in the Army at three A.M. inspired Fred to write the group's greatest hit "In The Still Of The Night". The record was first released on a small Connecticut label and later sold to Ember records in New York. Ironically, the tune was the "B" side of the record. The long-forgotten "A" side was The Jones Girl".

By the early sixties the group had quit touring and recording and returned to the New Haven area to pursue their respective livelihoods.

In 1969 the members got back together for a rock and roll revival show at Madison Square Garden in New York. The response to their appearance was so great they had been singing together ever since.

THE SENSATIONS

Members: Yvonne Baker -- lead

Richard Curtain — tenor Sam Armstrong — baritone Alphonso Howell — bass

Hometown: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In 1954, Alphonso and Yvonne formed the Sensations with several other members, and with Yvonne as lead, recorded "Yes Sir, That's My Baby" and "Please Mr. D.J." for Atco records in 1956. Later Yvonne left the group to get married and raise a family.

In March 1961, Alphonso persuaded Yvonne to come out of retirement, adding Sam and Richard to re-form the group. They signed with Argo records and in July of that year released their first hit "Music, Music, Music".

In January 1962, they had their biggest all-time seller when they recorded a song Yvonne had written called "Let Me In".

DEL SHANNON

Real Name: Charles Westover Born: December 30, 1939 Hometown: Grand Rapids, Michigan

Del started playing the guitar at age fourteen. After high school graduation in 1957, he entered the service and later appeared in the Seventh Army's musical productions. After his discharge, he appeared in local clubs in Michigan, where disc jockey Ollie McLaughlin of station WHRV in Ann Arbor had Del audition for Harry Balk and Irving Micahnik of Embee productions in Detroit. A recording session was set up in early 1961 when "Runaway" emerged. It was sold to Big Top records and became a number one hit. Today Del does occasional rock shows while recording for United Artists.

DEE DEE SHARP

Real Name: Dione LaRue Born: September 9, 1945

Hometown: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dee Dee sang at an early age in her grandfather's church choir and learned to play the piano. In 1961, she answered Cameo records' ad in a Philadelphia paper for a girl who could read music, play the piano, and sing. She was hired and sang background on several songs, including Chubby Checker's hit "Slow Twistin'". In February 1962, she recorded her first single "Mashed Potato Time" which became her biggest hit. Today Dee Dee still lives in Philadelphia, but no longer does any singing. She is married to record producer Kenny Gamble.

HUEY "PIANO" SMITH

Born: October 10, 1924 Hometown: New Orleans, Louisiana

Huey went to McDowell High and Xavier College in New Orleans. In 1957, he became the planist for Earl King's band. It was while he was performing with the band that the president of New Orleans's Ace records, John Vincent, heard him and signed him to his label.

In July 1957, Huey recorded an instrumental called "Rocking Pneumonia And The Boogie Woogie Flu" and decided to do the same song on the flip side, but this time with lyrics. He wrote and recorded the song and it went on to become his first hit, in the summer of 1957.

In March 1958 came his biggest hit "Don't You Just Know It". In 1959, he wrote "Sea Cruise" for a protege of his named Frankie Ford. Huey's band played on the record and it became a big hit that spring.

JIMMY SOUL

Real Name: James McCleese

Born: 1942

Hometown: Portsmouth, Virginia

Back in 1962, Frank Guida, song writer and record producer, decided to combine the Latin & soul sounds. Frank had been to Trinidad in the mid-forties and he enjoyed the calypso beat. In 1945, he had brought back a song called "Matilda" which Harry Belafonte had a hit with in the fifties.

In 1962, Frank took the same basic sound, changed the tempo, and released it as "Twistin' Matilda" at the height of the twist craze. He asked a local singer named James McCleese to record the song. Frank felt he had to change the young man's name, "Soul" was a new concept at that time, so James McCleese became Jimmy Soul. "Twistin' Matilda" became a national hit by the summer of 1962.

In the spring of 1963, Jimmy recorded a song that Frank, his wife Carmela, and their friend Joseph Royster had written, "If You Wanna Be Happy" which was a spinoff of the calypso standard "Ugly Woman". The song became a number one national hit. After that song Jimmy went into the Army and never had another hit.

THE SPANIELS

James "Pookie" Hudson - lead - Born: June 11, 1934 Members:

> Ernest Warren — 1st tenor — replaced by James Cochran Willis C. Jackson — second tenor — replaced by Donald Porter

Opal Cortney Jr. — baritone — replaced by Carl Rainge

Gerald Gregory — bass — replaced by Lester Williams

Hometown: Gary, Indiana

The fellows started singing together at Roosevelt High in Gary, Indiana in the early fifties. They called themselves the Spaniels to be different, since there were so many groups at the time named after various birds, like the Orioles, the Wrens, the Ravens and the Crows.

Just before high school graduation, they were singing at a school dance when disc jockey Vivian Carter heard them. She liked the group so well that when she went to Chicago to form Vee Jay records with her husband James Bracken (Vivian, "Vee"; Jimmy "Jay") in 1953, the Spaniels were the first artists she signed.

Their first hit for the label was "Baby It's You" followed in 1954 by their biggest seller "Goodnite Sweetheart, Goodnite" written by Pookie and Calvin Carter. Around 1955, Ernest, Willis, Opal and Gerald were replaced by James, Donald, Carl & Lester.

Today Pookie lives and works in Washington, D.C. as an assistant superintendent of an apartment complex, while the other fellows all live and work in Chicago. On rare occasions they get together for a revival rock show in New York.

THE TOKENS

Jay Siegal - lead singer - guitar - October 20, 1939 Members:

> Mitchell Margo — first tenor — piano and drums — May 25, 1947 Philip Margo — baritone — piano, drums & guitar — April 1, 1942

Henry Medress - second tenor - piano and bass - November 19, 1938

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York

The fellows first started singing in the fifties with Neil Sedaka as their vocalist. After Neil left the group, they remained together, thirteenyear-old Mitchell going to school as an eighth grader and brother Phil, along with Jay and Hank, attending Brooklyn College. Their manager, Seymour Barash, arranged for them to go to Warwick records in early 1961, where they recorded their only major hit for the label "Tonight I Fell In Love".

In late 1961 they signed with RCA and recorded "The Lion Sleeps Tonight", which became a number one song.

Today, Hank works with Dave Appell. Together they produced all Tony Orlando and Dawn big hits. Jay, Mitch, and Phil record for Atlantic records as Cross Country.

BOBBY VINTON

Real Name: Stanley Bobby Vinton

Born: April 16, 1941

Hometown: Canonsburg, Pennsylvania

As a youngster, Bobby played the clarinet and became interested in the "big band" sounds of Les Brown and Stan Kenton. His father had his own band in the Pittsburgh area and also greatly influenced Bobby. He formed his own band while in high school in the late fifties, and began to play at nearby Duquesne University.

In 1960, Bobby signed with Epic and recorded two albums of band music called "Dancing At The Hop" and "Bobby Vinton Plays For Li'l Darlin's". Neither album did very well. Epic was about to drop him from the label when he noticed that his contract called for two more songs. He told Epic that he wanted to try singing them. At the session Bobby recorded "Mr. Lonely" and "Roses Are Red". In May 1962 "Roses Are Red" was released and went on to become a number one national hit. Other hits followed, and Bobby decided to leave the band and go out on his own as a solo artist.

He had several other number one songs like "Blue Velvet", "There! I've Said It Again" and finally "Mr. Lonely" (Bobby's favorite recording). He described his sound as "sentimental and sincere"; his love songs were much welcomed during the heavy rock of the early sixties.

Bobby moved to Los Angeles in 1971 with his wife and four children.

THE TUNE WEAVERS

Members: Margo J. Sylvia — lead — Born: April 4, 1936

John Sylvia — Born: September 8, 1935 Charlotte Davis — Born: November 12, 1936 Gilbert J. Lopez — Born: July 4, 1934

Hometown: Boston, Massachusetts.

When Gilbert Lopez got out of the service in the mid-fifties, he asked his sister Margo to join him as a duo and begin singing around Boston. Although Margo liked the idea, her husband John did not want her traveling without him. Gilbert suggested that John join the gorup. Cousin Charlotte was added and the group was born. They first called themselves the Tone Weavers, but when a disc jockey emceeing a local dance called them the Tune Weavers by mistake, they decided to let the name stick.

After rehearsing the hits of other groups, Gilbert suggested that they record some original material. They rehearsed a song Margo had written some five years earlier called "Happy, Happy Birthday Baby" and decided to use it in their stage show.

While appearing at a night club, they did the song and Frank Paul heard it. He had them record it and then decided to manage the group. They had copies of the song made and distributed to Boston radio stations, but with no response. Some eight months later, Paul sent several copies to Philadelphia, where a disc jockey played the song by accident one night and was deluged with enthusiastic phone calls. The disc jockey called his friends at Chess records in Chicago and told them about the song. They got in touch with Paul and a deal was made to release it on their Checker label. In August of 1957, the song became a national hit.

After the one hit, the group left Checker records, never to have another national smash. Today Margo is divorced and works as a solo performer. Her former husband John is a therapist at Boston State College. Brother John manages an electric plant on the Cape, while cousin Charlotte is a housewife in Boston.

SARAH VAUGHAN

Born: March 27, 1924 Hometown: Newark, New Jersey

Sarah began singing in a church choir and later entered a talent show in the early 40's at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem, where she won first prize. Consequently Earl "Fatha" Hines hired her to sing with his band along with another new vocalist named Billy Eckstine. When Billy left Hines's band to form his own, he took Sarah with him. She worked with Billy for a while, then decided to go out as a solo performer.

By the late forties, her reputation as a singer had begun to spread and she was being booked into many of the top clubs in the country. She did some records for Musicraft and Columbia and had several chart records. It wasn't until she went to Mercury in 1954, however, that she got the big pop hits, beginning with her great ballad "Make Yourself Comfortable" in late 1954.

Her biggest hit on Mercury came in the summer of 1959, a song called "Broken-Hearted Melody", the lyrics being written by a then-unknown lyricist named Hal David, who later would become part of the Bacharach and David songwriting team.

JACKIE WILSON

Born: June 9, 1934 Hometown: Detroit, Michigan

As a teenager in Detroit, Jackie won the Golden Gloves at the age of sixteen. He even thought of becoming a professional fighter, but was persuaded to pursue a somewhat more stable career: singing.

One of the groups he admired was the Dominoes and particularly Clyde McPhatter. In 1953, Jackie went to audition for the group, as he had heard Clyde was going to leave. Clyde did indeed leave the Dominoes that year to form a new group called the Drifters and Jackie's dream was realized when he became the Dominoes' new lead voice. In 1957, Jackie left the Dominoes to go out as a solo artist. He was managed first by Al Green, and after Al's death, by Nat Tarnapool.

In September 1957, Jackie's career was launched with "Reet Petite", a song by a young unknown writer from Detroit, Berry Gordy, Jr. (who later became head of Motown Records). In March 1958, Jackie had his first gold record with another Berry Gordy ballad "To Be Loved". He recorded his biggest seller in early 1960, the double-sided hit "Doggin' Around" and "Night".

Jackie's career almost came to a premature end in 1961. He was shot in the stomach by a female fan while trying to prevent her from shooting herself. In fact, he still carries the bullet in his body today.

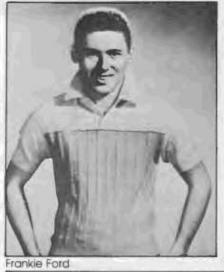
Today Jackie lives with his wife Lynn and son Thor in Atlanta, Georgia, while he continues to record for Brunswick and travel all over the country.

TIMI YURO

Real Name: Rosemarie Yuro Born: August 4, 1941 Hometown: Chicago, Illinois

In 1952, Timi's family moved to Los Angeles, where she began singing in her mother's Italian restaurant. About eight years later, Liberty records president, Al Bennett, signed her to his label, but was not pleased with the initial results. Bennett gave it some more thought, and decided to have her work with veteran writer and producer Clyde Otis, who had just joined Liberty.

The outcome of their first session together was her biggest hit "Hurt" in the summer of 1961.

















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Chuck Jackson

AIN'T GOT NO HOME

Words and Music by Clarence Henry Medium Rock beat (=] Tacet I ain't got no place to roam;_ I ain't home,_ home, got

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AS TEARS GO BY

Words and Music by Mick Jagger, Keith Richard and Andew Loog Oldham Moderately E7 It is the eve - ning of the day, thing, rich - es can't buy ev - 'ry I sit and watch the chil - dren play. hear the chil-dren want sing._ Bm Smil-ing fac - es can but not for me, sound_ All I hear_ is the

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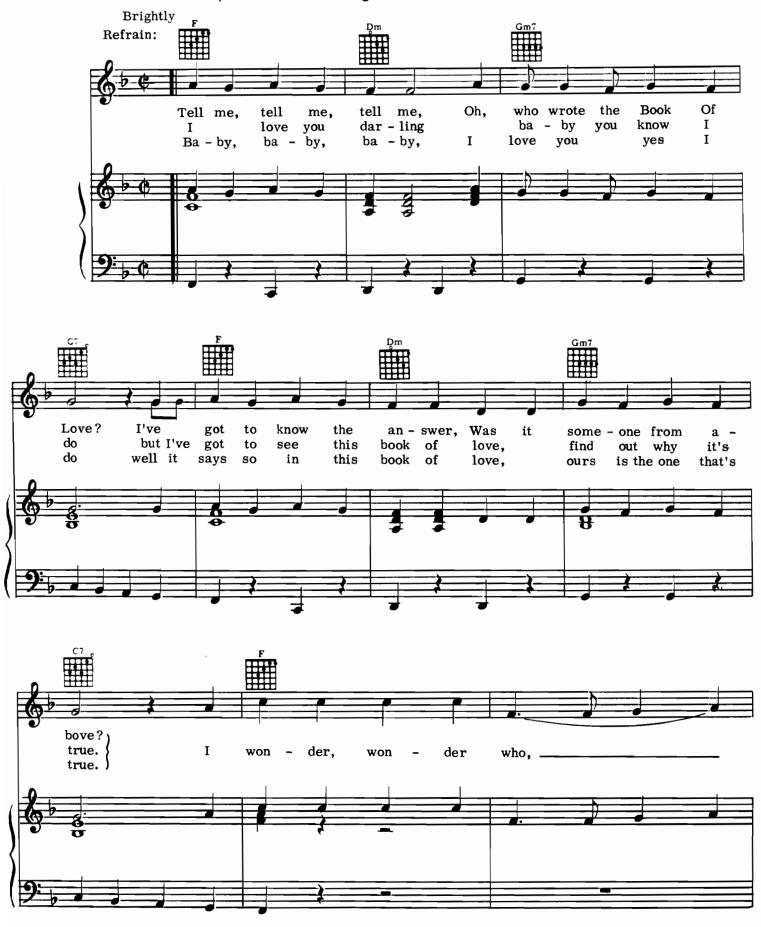






BOOK OF LOVE

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BARBARA ANN





BRISTOL STOMP

Words and Music by Kal Mann and Dave Appell



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BUT I DO (I DON'T KNOW WHY I LOVE YOU)

Words and Music by Robert Guidry and Paul Gayten







DON'T HANG UP

Words and Music by Kal Mann and Dave Appell

Medium Tempo



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GOODNIGHT, IT'S TIME TO GO

(GOODNIGHT, SWEETHEART, GOODNIGHT)

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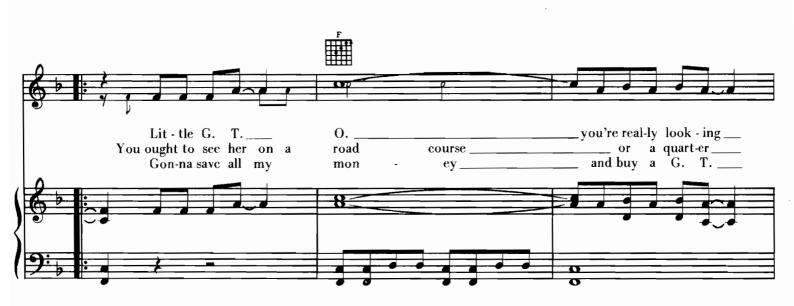


G. T. O.

Words and Music by John Wilkin

With a Lively Beat







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HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY BABY

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IF YOU WANNA BE HAPPY

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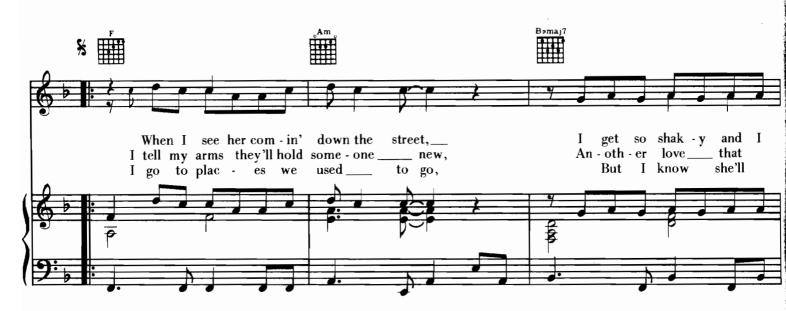


I GO TO PIECES

Words and Music by Del Shannon









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I'M GONNA GET MARRIED

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I KNOW

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I LIKE IT LIKE THAT

Words and Music by Chris Kenner and Allen Toussaint





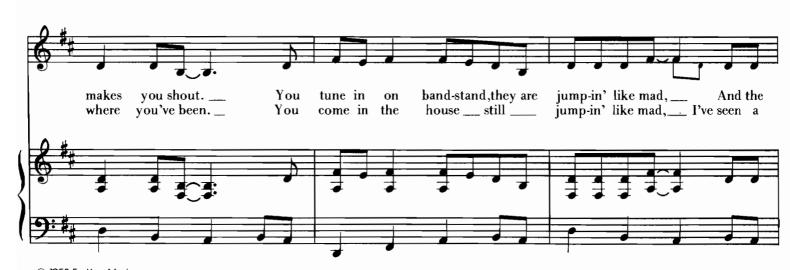
ITCHY, TWITCHY FEELING

Words and Music by Jimmy Oliver

Moderately







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IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME

Words and Music by Clyde Otis, Brook Benton, Belford Hendricks





I'VE HAD IT

Music by Ray Ceroni



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JUDY'S TURN TO CRY

Words and Music by Beverly Ross and Edna Lewis





JOHNNY B. GOODE

Words and Music by Chuck Berry With a beat 1. Deep down in Lou-'si - an - a, close to 'Way the woods a-mong the New Or back leans, up in car - ry his gui - tar ____ in a moth - er told him, "Some day you will the gun- ny be-neath sack, Go sit the tree. you will the lead of be man And be Where There ev er greens; stood old cab - in made of earth and wood, an 01' en - gineer shade, rail - road track; in the train ___ sit - tin' in the To big old band; peo-ple from miles round. Man - y com - in' lived a coun-try boy___ JOHN-NY B. GOODE, Who'd nev- er named ev - er learned to Strum-min with the rhy-thm that the driv made._ The peo-ple pass-in' by, they would ers down._ May - be some day your name -'11 hear you play your mu-sic till the goes be in sun



JUST A DREAM



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LET ME IN

Words and Music by Yvonne Baker Very Bright can see the danc - ing, ____ The sil -hou-ettes on the shade, _ I hear the mf **F**7 All the lov-ers on par - ade. O-pen up, mu - sic, I want to come in a - gain. I thought you friend. were my

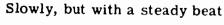
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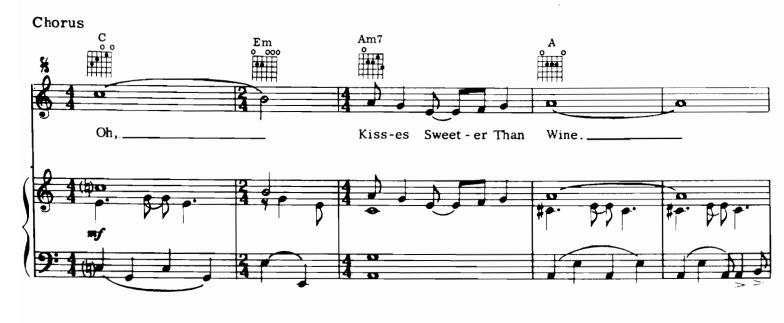


KISSES SWEETER THAN WINE

Words and Music by Paul Campbell and Joel Newman









Am7

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- He asked me to marry and be his sweet wife, And we would be so happy all of our life. He begged and he pleaded like a natural man and then, Oh, Lord, I gave him my hand. (Repeat chorus)
- I worked mighty hard and so did my wife,
 A-workin' hand in hand to make a good life.
 With corn in the fields and wheat in the bins and then,
 Oh, Lord, I was the father of twins. (Repeat chorus)
- Our children numbered just about four And they all had sweethearts knock on the door. They all got married and they didn't wait, I was, Oh, Lord, the grandfather of eight. (Repeat chorus)
- Now we are old and ready to go
 We get to thinkin' what happened a long time ago.
 We had lots of kids and trouble and pain but,
 Oh, Lord, we'd do it again. (Repeat chorus)

LAND OF A THOUSAND DANCES

Words and Music by Chris Kenner and Antoine "Fats" Domino, Jr.





THE LION SLEEPS TONIGHT (WIMOWEH)

New Lyrics and Revised Music by Hugo Peretti, Luigi Creatore, George Weiss and Albert Stanton Based on a Song by Solomon Linda and Paul Campbell



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A LOVER'S QUESTION

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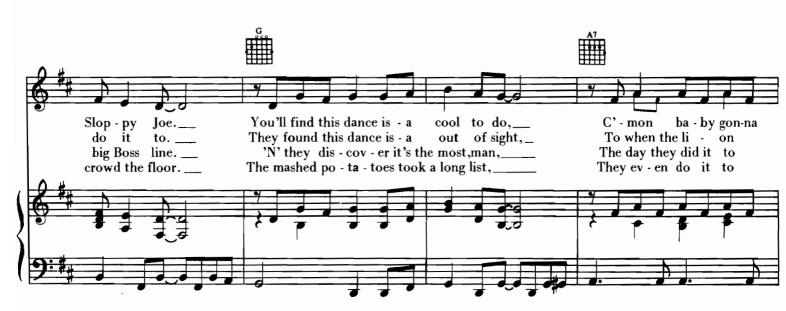
MASHED POTATO TIME

Words and Music by Sheldon, Land & Hert









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MOHAIR SAM

Words and Music by Dallas Frazier



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ONLY YOU (AND YOU ALONE)

Words and Music by Buck Ram and Ande Rand



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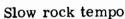
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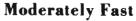
OVER THE MOUNTAIN, ACROSS THE SEA





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Words and Music by David Gates







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Words and Music by Tommy Boyce & Curtis Lee Pret-ty lit - tle pret-ty lit - tle an - gel eyes, eyes. Pret-ty lit - tle an - gel, pret-ty lit - tle an - gel, pret-ty lit - tle, pret-ty lit-tle E C#m Α В pret-ty an - gel ooh eyes. ___ E C#m В A tacet. tacet _



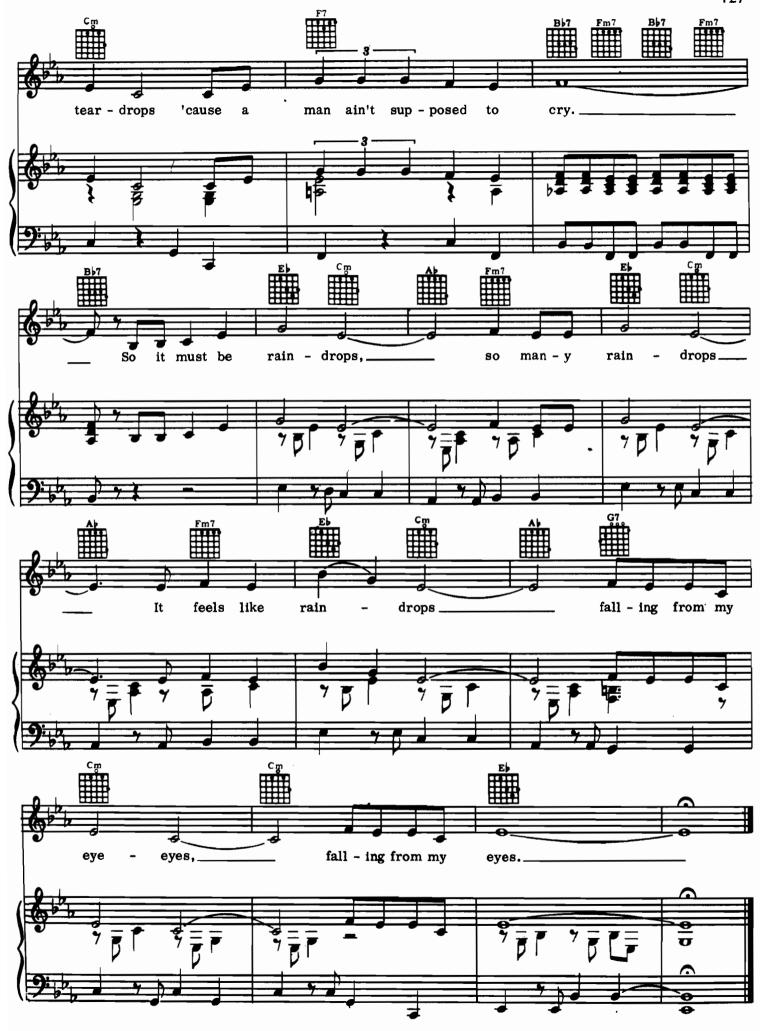


RAINDROPS

Words and Music by Dee Clark







PLEASE LOVE ME FOREVER

Words and Music by Ollie Blanchard and Johnny Malone





PRETTY GIRLS EVERYWHERE

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ROCKIN' PNEUMONIA AND THE BOOGIE WOOGIE FLU

Words and Music by John Vincent and Huey P. Smith **Moderately Slow Boogie Blues** I I jump but I'm a - fraid I'll fall._ want to want to the hol - ler but joint's too small._ Young man's rhy - thm got the rock-in' Want some on me too. got pneu-mon-ia and the boo - gie woo - gie flu.





A QUARTER TO THREE

Words and Music by F. Guida, G. Barge, J. Royster









ROCK & ROLL MUSIC

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ROLL OVER, BEETHOVEN

Words and Music by Chuck Berry

Moderately bright shuffle



















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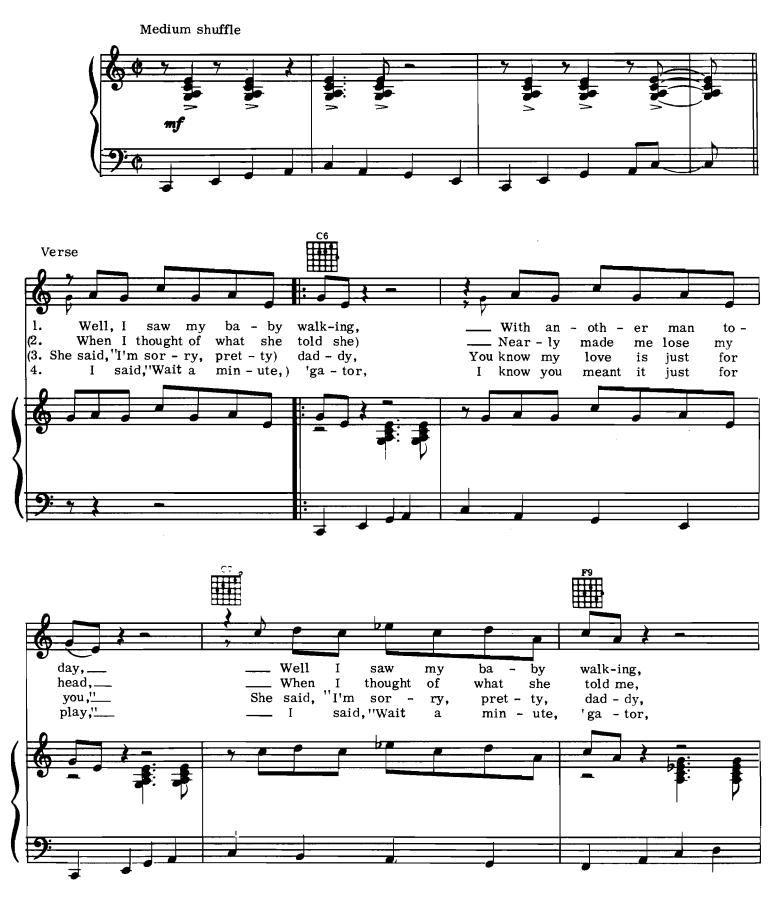
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SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR

Words and Music by Robert Guidry



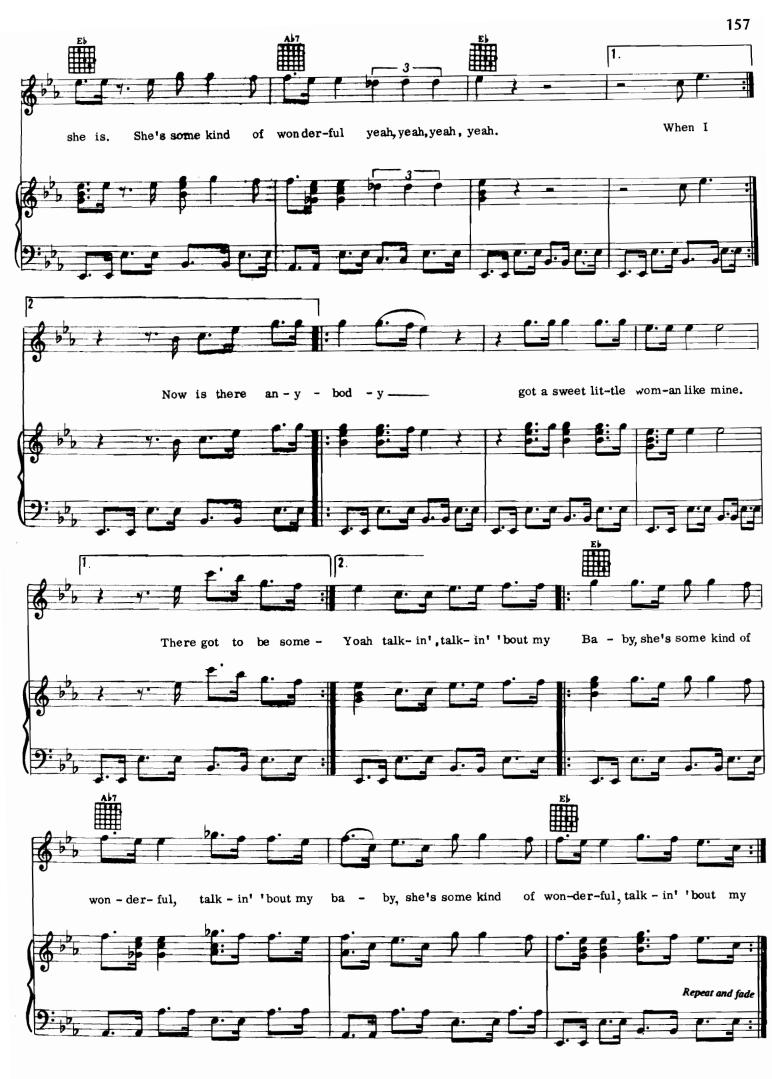




(SHE'S) SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL

Words and Music by John Ellison fine a whole lots of mon - ey. I don't need a big I don't ___ need my You know she sets my soul hold her arms. ' ry that got - thing____ got ev car. ba by me my fire. Ooh when my don't have could ask for.___ I than more when she wraps her lov- in' arms a de si re; filled with heart be -comes $night_1$ I don't have to stay all 'cause I got me a - round. run of my out round a - bout drives me





158 SILHOUETTES

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SOMETHING YOU GOT

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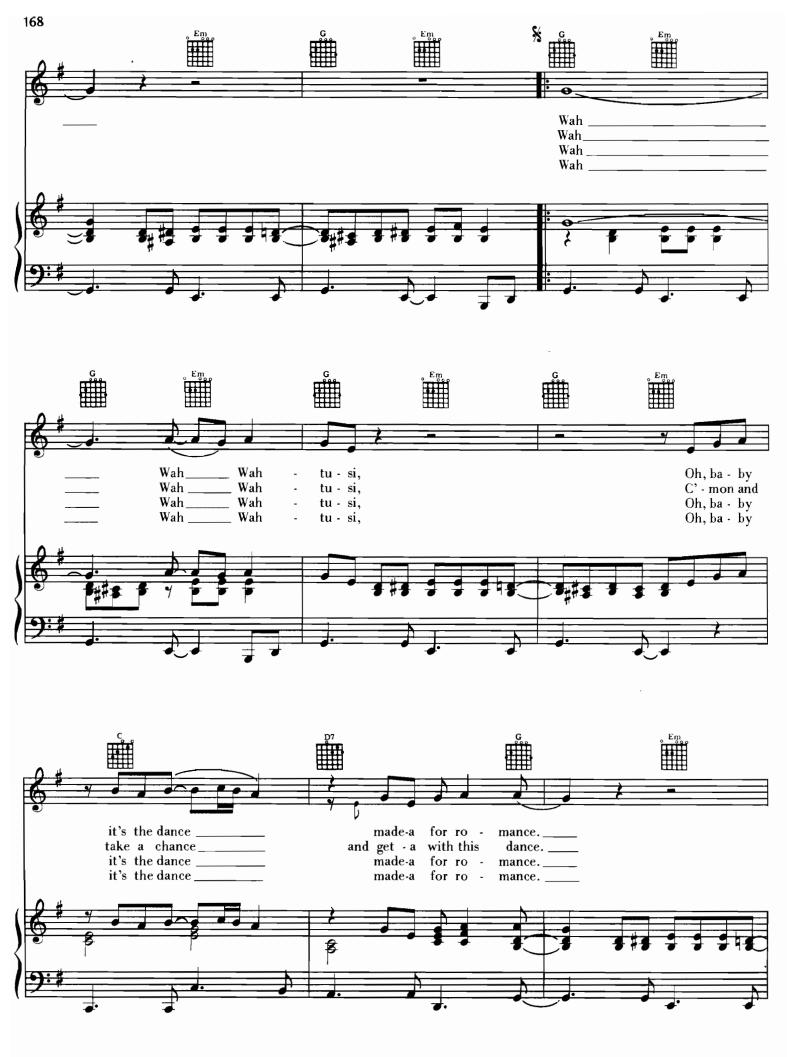


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WHAT'S A MATTER, BABY (IS IT HURTIN YOU?)





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WHY DON'T THEY UNDERSTAND?

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WHY BABY WHY?

Words and Music by Luther Dixon and Larry Harrison







YES I'M READY

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Slowly, but with a beat







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