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Artist Joe Bennett & The Sparkletones

Title Cotton Pickin' Rockers
Label Bear Family Records

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Format 10" vinyl LP (25 cm), 45 rpm, with 8-page booklet, postcard

Genre Rock 'n' Roll, Rockabilly

No. of tracks 14 approx. 28:00 min.

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INFO:

- The first vinyl disc on Bear Family Records® featuring early rockers from Spartanburg, South Carolina one of the strongholds of Southern rock more than a decade later with the Marshall Tucker Band.
- Joe Bennett and The Sparkletones made rock and roll history as teenagers back in 1957 with Black Slacks, a true rock smash and hit success!
- In addition to their trademark record, we've selected thirteen more rocking highlights from the band's repertoire for our 10inch vinyl LP, including some scarcer recordings.
- Carefully mastered and adequately journalistically accompanied with liner notes by Bill Dahl.

They started rocking young during the '50s down in Spartanburg, South Carolina. None of the four members in Joe Bennett and The Sparkletones were past their mid-teens (Bennett's diminutive vocal partner and rhythm guitarist Howard 'Sparky' Childress was all of 14) when they roared up the hit parade in 1957 with their blistering rocker *Black Slacks*. That youthful vigor defined everything the band cut for the ABC-Paramount and Paris labels. Bear Family Records®' new 10-inch album collects the young band's hottest rockers, including their signature smash as well as its flip *Boppin' Rock Boogie*; a sizzling encore pairing *Penny Loafers And Bobby Socks* and *Rocket*; the follow-ups *Cotton Pickin' Rocker, Little Turtle*, and *We've Had It*, and three ABC gems that didn't see light of day at the time. Bennett, whose sparkling lead guitar was a primary ingredient in his band's sound, and his crew moved over to Jack Gold's New York-based Paris logo in 1959; that's where their *Bayou Rock* and *What The Heck* emerged. The '65 ABC one-off *Well Dressed Man* proved the reunited Sparkletones had no problem keeping up with the times. Pull on your *Black Slacks* and get ready to rock with Joe Bennett and The Sparkletones!

TRACKLISTING:

Side A:

Rocket Black Slacks Bayou Rock Let's Go Rock & Roll What The Heck I Dig You Baby Maybe Baby

Side B:

Cotton Pickin' Rocker Little Turtle Well Dressed Man Penny Loafers And Bobby Sox Number One On My Love List

Boppin' Rock Boogie Late Again (alt. Version)

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