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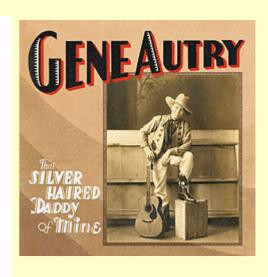
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SALES NOTES

Very few people know that Gene Autry...America's beloved Singing Cowboy, began his career as the writer and performer of authentic white country blues. While working as a telegrapher for the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad - the Frisco Line - he used a railroad pass to travel to New York in 1929, hoping to follow his dream of competing with the top pop singers of the day. Instead, on the advice of Frankie and Johnny Marvin, and legendary producer Arthur Satherley, Autry used his talent to emulate Jimmie Rodgers. No other performer caught the essence of Jimmie Rodgers as Autry did. He could match Rodgers' yodel, Mississippi dialect and guitar runs so closely that it was often hard to tell the two apart. Yet, as he performed more and more original songs in the Rodgers style, he began to develop a sound of his own.

Producing records for a variety of labels such as Gennett, Victor, and Columbia, as well as various low budget labels ('dime-store platters') owned by ARC, Gene sold lots of records during the Depression when people could least afford to buy them. In the early 1930s, Gene with the guidance of his mentor Jimmy Long and Art Satherley, moved from blues to the more traditional hillbilly music of the time. His duet with Long on the mountain ballad *That Silver Haired Daddy Of Mine*, recorded in October of 1931, became a million-selling record. Quickly following that success with other songs, such as *My Old Pal Of Yesterday, Missouri Is Calling, The Little Ranch House On The Old Circle B.* and *Louisiana Moon*, Gene went on to transform himself into America's preeminent singing cowboy.

With the 225 songs on this 9 CD box, Bear Family Records brings together all of the surviving recordings from 1929 – 1933 for the first time ever. Most of these songs have never been on CD, and many have not been available in any form since their original release 75 years ago, including more than 20 songs that are issued here for the first time.

The hardcover book contains an essay by Packy Smith, a discography by Tony Russell, and many rare pictures and illustrations.

TRACK LISTING

CD 1:

My Dreaming Of You - My Alabama Home - Stay Away From My Chicken House - My Oklahoma Home - I'll Be Thinking Of You Little Gal - I'll Be Thinking Of You Little Gal - Cowboy Yodel - Why Don't You Come Back To Me - No One To Call Me Darling - Living In The Mountains - Yodelin' Gene - Blue Yodel No. 5 - Left My Gal In The Mountains - Why Don't You Come Back To Me - Hobo Yodel - Dust Pan Blues - No One To Call Me Darling - Frankie And Johnny - Railroad Boomer - My Alabama Home - Slue-Foot Lue - Stay Away From My Chicken House - Waiting For A Train - Lullaby Yodel - California Blues (Blue Yodel No. 4) - Daddy And Home

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CD 2:

That's Why I Left The Mountains - Cowboy Yodel - I'll Be Thinking Of You Little Gal - My Rough And Rowdy Ways - I'll Be Thinking Of You Little Gal - Cowboy Yodel - Whisper Your Mother's Name - The Girl I Left Behind - I'll Be Thinking Of You Little Gal - Cowboy Yodel - In The Shadow Of The Pine - Hobo Yodel - They Cut Down The Old Pine Tree - Texas Blues - Hobo Bill's Last Ride - Dust Pan Blues - My Carolina Sunshine Girl - Train Whistle Blues - Anniversary Blue Yodel No. 7 - In The Jailhouse Now No. 2 - The Yodeling Hobo - Pictures Of My Mother - Blue Days - He's In The Jail House No. 2 - Cowboy's Yodel - Dad In The Hills

CD 3:

High Powered Mama - The Yodeling Hobo - Mean Mama Blues - Blue Yodel No. 8 - Pistol Packin' Papa - Dad In The Hills - Pictures Of My Mother - Any Old Time - Money Ain't No Use Anyway - Blue Days - A Gangster's Warning - Pictures Of My Mother - That's How I Got My Start - True Blue Bill - Do Right Daddy Blues - Do Right Daddy Blues - Money Ain't No Use Anyway - Money Ain't No Use Anyway - That's How I Got My Start - That's How I Got My Start - Bear Cat Papa Blues - Bear Cat Papa Blues - True Blue Bill - A Gangster's Warning - I'll Always Be A Rambler

CD 4:

The Death Of Mother Jones - The Death Of Mother Jones - Bear Cat Papa Blues - High Steppin' Mama - High Steppin' Mama Blues - She Wouldn't Do It - Don't Do Me That Way - Don't Do Me That Way - High Steppin' Mama Blues - She Wouldn't Do It - Do Right Daddy Blues - T. B. Blues - Jimmie The Kid - Travelin' Blues - There's A Good Gal In The Mountains - There's A Good Gal In The Mountains - She's A Low Down Mama - She's A Low Down Mama - She's A Low Down Mama - The Old Woman And The Cow - The Old Woman And The Cow - Bear Cat Mama From Horner's Corners - She's A Hum Dum Dinger - Old Man Duff

CD 5:

I'm A Truthful Fellow (True Blue Bill) - I'm A Truthful Fellow (True Blue Bill) - Valley In The Hills - Valley

CD 6:

Rheumatism Blues - I'm Atlanta Bound - High Steppin' Mama Blues - That Silver Haired Daddy Of Mine - Missouri I'm Calling - Missouri I'm Calling - My Alabama Home - Mississippi Valley - My Old Pal Of Yesterday - Missouri I'm Calling - Cross-Eyed Gal That Lived Upon The Hill - I'm Always Dreaming Of You - Why Don't You Come Back To Me - Jailhouse Blues - Rheumatism Blues - I'm Atlanta Bound - Wildcat Mama - Mississippi Valley Blues - My Old Pal Of Yesterday - My Cross-Eyed Girl - Birmingham Daddy - Why Don't You Come Back To Me - Why Don't You Come Back To Me - She's A Low Down Mama

CD 7:

I'm A Railroad Man (Waitin' On A Weary Train) - Under The Old Apple Tree - Wild Cat Mama Blues - There's A Good Girl In The Mountains - That Ramshackle Shack - Back To Old Smoky Mountain - Back To Old Smoky Mountain - Back Home In The Blue Ridge Mountains - The Crime I Didn't Do - Kentucky Lullaby - Alone With My Sorrows - I'm Always Dreaming Of You - Moonlight And Skies - Returning To My Cabin Home - In The Cradle Of My Dreams - My Carolina Mountain Rose - Have You Found Someone Else - In The Hills Of Carolina - A Gangster's Warning - Back To Old Smokey Mountain - Back Home In The Blue Ridge Mountains - That Ramshackle Shack - Black Bottom Blues - Kentucky Lullaby - Kentucky Lullaby

CD 8:

Cowboy's Heaven - The Little Ranch House On The Old Circle B - The Yellow Rose Of Texas - Your Voice Is Ringing - Louisiana Moon - Louisiana Moon - Louisiana Moon - Cowboy's Heaven - Cowboy's Heaven - The Little Ranch House On The Old Circle B - If I Could Bring Back My Buddy - If I Could Bring Back My Buddy - The Old Folks Back Home - The Old Folks Back Home - The Yellow Rose Of Texas - The Yellow Rose Of Texas - The Yellow Rose Of Texas - Gosh! I Miss You All The Time - The Answer To 21 Years - The Answer To 21 Years - When It's Lamp Lightin' Time In The Valley - When It's Lamp Lightin' Time In The Valley - Watching The Clouds Roll By

CD 9:

Don't Take Me Back To The Chain Gang - Don't Take Me Back To The Chain Gang - In The Valley Of The Moon - In The Valley Of The Moon - When The Mailman Says No Mail Today - When The Humming Birds Are Humming - When The Humming Birds Are Humming - Roll Along Kentucky Moon - That Mother And Daddy Of Mine - 'Way Out West In Texas - The Dying Cowgirl - The Death Of Jimmie Rodgers - The Life Of Jimmie Rodgers - If You'll Let Me Be Your Little Sweetheart - That Old Feather Bed On The Farm - There's An Empty Cot In The Bunkhouse Tonight - A Hill-Billy Wedding In June - Moonlight Down In Lovers' Lane - The Last Round-Up - When Jimmie Rodgers Said Good-bye - Good Luck Old Pal ('Till We Meet Bye And Bye) - Bye Bye Boyfriend (Blackbird) - Frankie And Johnnie