




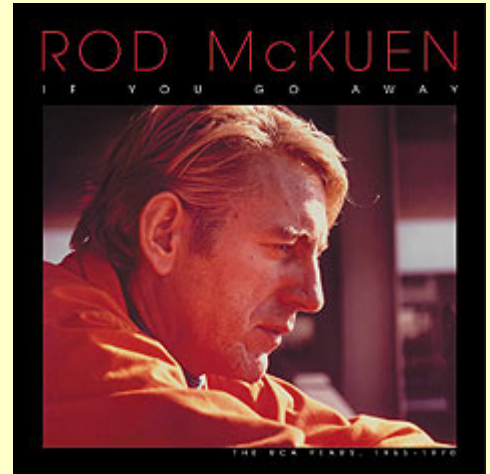
# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

tel +49 (4748) 8216-16 • fax +49 (4748) 8216-20 • email: heidi@bear-family.de

SHIPPING DATE: JANUARY 15, 2007 (estimated)

STREET DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2007

ARTIST	ROD McKUEN
TITLE	If You Go Away
	The RCA Years, 1965 - 1970
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16122
PRICE-CODE	GL
EAN-CODE	 4 000127 161222
ISBN-CODE	978-3-89916-240-0
FORMAT	7-CD Box-Set (LP-Size) with 104-page hardcover book
GENRE	Pop
TRACKS	195
PLAYING TIME	537:41



## KEY SELLING POINTS

- These 195 recordings represent Rod McKuen at the peak of his mid-to-late 1960s popularity and include his Gold album *Listen To The Warm*.
- Features dozens of previously unissued performances.
- Most tracks never-before-released on compact disc anywhere.
- An extensive hardcover book with many rare and previously unpublished pictures from Rod's personal collection.
- Contains Rod's acclaimed English adaptations and collaborations with Jacques Brel, such as *Seasons In The Sun* and *If You Go Away*, the latter recently named as 'Song of The Century.'
- In addition to his enormous success in America, Rod has established himself as an international star in England (where he has hosted his own BBC-TV series), Australia, the Netherlands, France, South Africa and numerous other countries.
- Rod McKuen will be touring in concert in America and Europe and promote this release in 2007 and beyond. Additionally, two documentaries on Rod's life and career are currently in production for worldwide exhibition.

## SALES NOTES

Who was the most commercially successful American poet/singer-songwriter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century? The answer is: Rod McKuen. Now, for the first time anywhere, his complete 1960s RCA Victor recordings are compiled in a lavish boxed set of 7 compact discs.

Rod McKuen's three dozen books of poetry have been published in eleven languages, sold 65 million copies, and placed him securely among the most popular poets of all time. He's also worked as a rodeo cowboy, lumberjack, and B-movie actor.

Bear Family Records • Grenzweg 1 • 27729 Holste-Oldendorf • Germany  
www.bear-family.de



# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

tel +49 (4748) 8216-16 • fax +49 (4748) 8216-20 • email: heidi@bear-family.de

'If You Go Away' concentrates on four fruitful years of McKuen's recording and songwriting career. Since the 1950s, he estimates, more than 200 albums have been released under his name, and selections from his catalog of more than 1,500 compositions have been recorded by singers including Ray Charles, Petula Clark, Johnny Cash, and Frank Sinatra. This collection gathers Rod's six original albums for RCA Victor, released between 1965-'68, plus an incredible lode of unreleased master and alternate takes, demos, and even a few 'live' recordings.

Included are Rod's own versions of such now-standard original compositions, translations and poems as *If You Go Away*, *The World I Used To Know*, *A Cat Named Sloop*, *I'm Strong But I Like Roses*, and *Seasons In The Sun*. You'll hear duets with Glenn Yarbrough and Don Ho; and songs written especially for (though never recorded by) The Beach Boys and SSgt. Barry Sadler.

The enclosed album-sized hardcover book includes an essay by Todd Everett and track-by-track comments by Rod himself, discussing the material on the album; plus quotes from past and present associates as varied as Yarbrough and comic Phyllis Diller, both important figures in establishing Rod's career; and numerous photographs and other treasures from Rod's personal archives.

## TRACK LISTING

### CD 1:

1. The Summer's Long
2. Channing Way
3. Each Of Us Alone
4. I've Been To Town
5. Yes
6. The Hunters
7. One Day Soon
8. Summer In My Eye
9. Times Gone By
10. Looking Back At 30
11. So Many Others (remake)
12. The Lovers
13. Rusting In The Rain
14. The Plains Of My Country Ballet Suite in 3 Movements
15. Alamo Junction
16. The Summer's Long (alternate take)
17. The House Upon The Hill
18. Stanyan Street Revisited
19. We Have Only Love (demo)
20. On My Own (demo)
21. The Tamarack Tree
22. Take Me Home Again
23. Sleep Now Love
24. Trashy
25. So Many Others (alternate take)

### CD 2:

1. Some Trust In Chariots
2. People Change
3. How Deep Is Down?
4. When Flora Was Mine
5. If You Go Away (Ne me quittes pas)
6. So Long San Francisco
7. The Loner
8. Solo
9. The Lonely Things
10. She
11. The Good Times Is All Done Now
12. Truck Stop
13. Thank You
14. I Turn To You

15. Church Windows (instrumental)
16. Flowers
17. Me And The Cat
18. For Silence Is Golden (demo)
19. Watching You Sleep / Thank You
20. My Old Man
21. Darlin' Don't You Know (& Glenn Yarbrough)
22. The Girls Of The Summer (& Glenn Yarbrough)
23. Happy Birthday Ernie (Bon Anniversary Ernie)
24. Flowers
25. My Mother's Eyes
26. The World I Used To Know (rejected version)
27. Gee It's Nice To Be Alone (demo)
28. If You Go Away (alternate version)
29. So Long San Francisco (alternate lyrics)

### CD 3:

1. The Hurtin'
2. You
3. Before The Monkeys Came
4. The Summertime Of Days
5. The Women
6. Zangra
7. Down At Mary's Old Time Bar
8. Meantime
9. Open The Windows And See All The Clowns
10. I'm Strong, But I Like Roses
11. The Statue
12. Ain't You Glad You're Livin', Joe
13. Loneliness In Crowds
14. Nouveau Fleur (instrumental)
15. Me And The Cat
16. Something More
17. Meantime (alternate take)
18. Open The Window & See All The Clowns (alt)
19. Don't Forget To Bring Her A Rose
20. Ain't You Glad You're Livin' Joe
21. The Habit
22. The Habit
23. My Old Man
24. You (take 2)
25. I'm Strong But I Like Roses (alternate take)
26. Meantime (1st Version)



# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

tel +49 (4748) 8216-16 • fax +49 (4748) 8216-20 • email: heidi@bear-family.de

28. Don't Forget To Bring Her A Rose
29. Open The Window & See All The Clowns
30. Loneliness In Crowds (alternate take)
31. Something More (demo)

## CD 4:

1. I'll Say Goodbye (Je Partirai)
2. La Mer Sans Soleil (Sea Without Sun)
3. Le Bourgeois
4. Through European Windows
5. Song Without Words (Chanson Sans Paroles)
6. Paris (Mon Arbre)
7. Baby Be My Love (L'amour Avec Toi)
8. The Ever Constant Sea
9. Like A Child
10. On The Road Again (Qu'est-ce Que Tu Attends La)
11. Nathalie
12. The Far West (Le Plat Pays)
13. Pushing The Clouds Away
14. Do You Like The Rain?
15. Gifts From The Sea
16. Some Day We'll See Spain (Concerto for Guitar & Orchestra) Extract from 2nd Movement
17. Seasons In The Sun
18. Capri In July
19. Je Vien de Loin, (French vocal / 1st International issue)
20. A Kind Of Loving
21. I'm Only Me
22. Chasin' The Sun
23. The Money Boys Of Cannes (demo & Glenn Yarbrough)
24. Bon Soir Mademoiselle
25. Through European Windows (alternate take)

## CD 5:

1. Prologue: A Cat Named Sloopy
2. To Share The Summer Sun
3. Round, Round, Round
4. I'll Never Be Alone
5. The Ducks On The Millpond
6. Midnight Walk
7. Listen To The Warm
8. It's Raining
9. Weekend
10. Brown October
11. Where are We Now?
12. The Singing Of The Wind
13. Dandelion Days
14. I Live Alone
15. Epilogue: One Day I'll Follow The Birds
16. Entre Act: Listen To The Warm (Instrumental)
17. Listen To The Warm
18. I Have Loved You In So Many Ways
19. We Touch Shoulder To Shoulder
20. Sunday In November
21. Beyond This Wall (The Phoenix)
22. The Warm And Gentle Girls
23. Be Gentle, Please
24. Hurry
25. Round, Round, Round (Reprise)
26. Conversation After 1:AM
27. I Have Loved You in So Many Ways (Theme)

28. Me And The Cat
29. After The Toll Beach
30. Listen To The Warm (alternate vocal)
31. Twenty-Nine
32. Midsummer

## CD 6:

1. The Single Man
2. Leave Me Something
3. I Never Go There Anymore
4. The Phoenix
5. The Last Of The Wine
6. Elegy #1
7. The Girls Of The Summer
8. Where Would I Be?
9. Elegy #2
10. I've Saved The Summer
11. In Passing
12. Some Of Them Fall
13. Elegy #3
14. The Importance Of The Rose (C'est La Rose)
15. The Ivy That Clings To The Wall (instrumental)
16. Inside Of Me
17. The Voyeur
18. Home To See Maria
19. The Lovers Of December
20. Things To Come (Gymnopedes #1)
21. Home By Water (Gymnopedes #3)
22. Sometimes
23. And To Each Season
24. The Wind Of Change
25. The Girls Of The Summer (alternate vocal)
26. The Ivy That Clings To The Wall (vocal)

## CD 7:

1. Up
2. I'll Catch The Sun
3. Glad Rag Doll
4. The Women (alternate take)
5. We Have Only Love
6. Soldiers Who Want To Be Heroes (parody)
7. The Waltz Goes On (demo)
8. To Die In Summertime (demo)
9. Seasons In The Sun (alternate vocal)
10. So Many Others
11. Ain't You Glad You're Livin', Joe (alternate take)
12. Simple Gifts (demo)
13. If You Go Away
14. Love And Let Love (demo)
15. Don't Forget To Bring Her A Rose
16. Some Of Them Fall (alternate vocal)
17. When The Green Berets Come Home
18. The New Words
19. Portuguese Bend
20. El Monte
21. Children One And All
22. We
23. I Never Will Marry (demo & Chet Atkins)
24. River, River (demo & Chet Atkins)
25. Things Bright And Beautiful
26. One By One (& Don Ho)
27. All Of Me Is Mine (demo)