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My Favorite Songs – Maxine Brown

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- This CD celebrates the 50th anniversary of the chart-topping pop/country/R&B single *The Three Bells*.
- Thirty-six timeless recordings from country music's greatest close-harmony trio.
- More than just another hits collection, it includes personal favorites that Maxine Brown chose from the Browns' 13-year recording career.
- Features the trio's enduring crossover classics and early country hits like *The Three Bells*, *Scarlet Ribbons (For Her Hair)*, *The Old Lamplighter* and *Send Me The Pillow You Dream On*.
- Superb fidelity from the original Fabor and RCA Victor session masters.
- Extensive liner notes with contributions from Maxine, Jim Ed and Bonnie Brown.

INFORMATION

Fifty years ago record buyers and radio programmers worldwide discovered a three-minute saga about the birth, marriage and death of the fictional Jimmy Brown. The unexpected success of *The Three Bells* suddenly catapulted a struggling country trio from Arkansas into pop stardom. The Browns – Jim Ed, Maxine and Bonnie – followed that success with a string of crossover hits that secured their place in popular music history. Their international following included the Beatles, who once cited them as among their favorite American singers.

A half-century later, the soft, gentle harmonies of the Browns remain fresh and timeless. To celebrate the anniversary of the trio's breakthrough with *The Three Bells*, BEAR FAMILY asked Maxine Brown to select the tracks that rank among her personal favorites. All the big hits are here – many others should have been hits, but weren't: *Margo (The Ninth Of May)*, *Angel's Dolly*, *The Big Blizzard*, *Rhythm Of The Rain* and *You Can't Grow Peaches On A Cherry Tree*. This set also includes fan favorites from the trio's earliest years, including *Here Today And Gone Tomorrow* and *I Take The Chance*, along with two enduring Jim Ed and Maxine duets: *Looking Back To See* and *I Heard The Bluebirds Sing*.

Four songs from the Browns' February 1967 sessions await rediscovery. Efficiently produced by Felton Jarvis, they capture the trio at an artistic peak. But by then Jim Ed's solo career was taking off, and everyone sensed the end was near. That October a tearful Bonnie Brown formally announced the Browns' retirement to a stunned Grand Ole Opry audience. Since then other country acts tried to reproduce the Browns' signature sound. Some made admirable attempts, but not one came close to capturing the Browns' special magic.



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Working with Maxine, Jim Ed and Bonnie Brown, Dave Samuelson wrote new notes for this release, highlighting the professional and personal struggles that lay behind those sweet, matchless harmonies. In a side note, Samuelson uncovers the intriguing wartime genesis of *The Three Bells*.

TRACK LISTING

The Three Bells • Heaven Fell Last Night • I Take The Chance • I'm In Heaven • Margo • The Old Lamplighter • I Guess I'm Crazy • Would You Care? • I Heard The Bluebirds Sing • Locking Back To See • Here Today And Gone Tomorrow • Send Me The Pillow You Dream On • Scarlet Ribbons For Her Hair • I Still Do • Cool Water • The Big Blizzard • Ground Hog • Down On The Old Plantation • The Twelfth Or Never • Forty Shades Of Green • They Call The Wind Maria • Buttons And Bows • Angels Dolly • Mommy Please Stay Home With Me • Sugarfoot Rag • Rhythm Of The Rain • Country Boy's Dream • Where Does The Good Times Go • If The Whole World Stop Loving • The Old Master Painter • When I Stop Dreaming • When They Ring Those Golden Bells • Tough Your Sins Be As Scarlet • Big Daddy • You Can't Grow Peaches On A Cherry Tree • Misty Blue

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