



# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

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**ARTIST** TENNESSEE ERNIE FORD

**TITLE** Songs Of The Civil War

**LABEL** Bear Family Records

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**FORMAT** CD D-PAC

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**TRACKS** 24

**PLAYING TIME** 71:16



## SALES NOTES

American Civil War enthusiasts have long treasured Tennessee Ernie Ford's 'Civil War Songs Of The South' and 'Civil War Songs Of The North.' Released by Capitol Records in 1961 at the start of the Civil War Centennial, these albums gathered long-forgotten patriotic numbers, dramatic saga songs, rousing camp sing-alongs and sentimental parlor tunes from the bloody four-year conflict between the Union and Confederate states.

Both albums stand as a testament to Ford's sensitivity and versatility as a vocalist. No other American popular singer of his era could interpret such diverse, historic material as effortlessly as Ford did on his Civil War albums. He breezes through spirited comic songs with the same light-hearted touch that made him one of the country's most beloved television personalities. His somber, unforgettable bass-baritone vocals on *Lorena* and *The Vacant Chair* underscore the sadness and despair that inspired these laments. Ford's musical director Jack Fascinato skillfully blended elements of period authenticity into arrangements that would appeal to contemporary audiences.

Ford fans and Civil War enthusiasts alike have long waited for a definitive compact disc reissue of these classic albums. An earlier Capitol CD collection, released after Ken Burns' acclaimed 1990 documentary series *The Civil War* aired on American public television, slipped out of print before anyone knew it existed. Copies now fetch more than US\$100 on collectors' markets – when they turn up at all.

This Bear Family compact disc finally restores all twenty-four songs from these landmark LPs. This reissue also includes a booklet containing the complete lyrics for each song – including verses that Ford and Fascinato edited from their recordings – and new notes on the songs and original albums by Dave Samuelson.

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## TRACK LISTING

### THE SOUTH

Stonewall Jackson's Way  
Lorena  
Riding A Raid  
Maryland, My Maryland  
Goober Peas  
I Can Whip The Scoundrel  
The Bonnie Blue Flag  
The Valiant Conscript  
The Rebel Soldier  
The Southern Wagon  
Flight Of The Doodles  
Dixie

### THE NORTH

The Army Of The Free  
Virginia's Bloody Soul  
Marching Song (Of The First Arkansas Negro Regiment)  
The Why And The Wherefore  
The Vacant Chair  
The Fall Of Charleston  
The New York Volunteer  
The Faded Coat Of Blue  
Marching Through Georgia  
Just Before The Battle, Mother  
The Girl I Left Behind Me  
Union Dixie

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