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ARTIST	Curley Williams and his Georgia Peach Pickers
TITLE	Half As Much
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16666
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TRACKS	29
PLAYING TIME	75:48



SALES NOTES

"Mitch Miller said to Wesley Rose, 'Ol' Hank's done it again, hasn't he?' and Wesley said, 'That was Curley Williams who wrote 'Half As Much,' and Mitch Miller said, 'Who's Curley Williams?' and Wesley said, 'A guy that's been on your label about seven years.'"

And there, in a nutshell, was Curley Williams' dilemma. He was on the Grand Ole Opry before Hank Williams; he was on the Louisiana Hayride before Hank Williams; he was a recording star before Hank Williams ... but few remember him today, except for writing one of Hank's biggest hits, *Half As Much*.

These two volumes are a retrospective of the great, and vastly underrated western swing star Curley Williams. Rarely reissued on microgroove, and never reissued on CD, these two CDs are a treasure trove of oh-so-fine sharp-tip western swing music. So few have heard of Curley, much less heard him, but he's on a par with the very best western swing bandleaders of the 1940s and 1950s. If you like Bob Wills, Hank Thompson, Hank Penny, or Spade Cooley, you'll be sure to love Curley Williams. They cover his complete Columbia recordings, include all his early recordings from 1945 to 1952, as well as ultra-rare demos with Hank Williams of *Time Has Proven I Was Wrong* and *No, Not Now*. Curley went on to work with Hank Williams and write one of his biggest hits, *Half As Much*, but here he proves convincingly that he's much more than a footnote to the Hank Williams story.

TRACK LISTING

Fiddlin' Boogie - Barbecue Rag - No Not Now - Shy Baby - Mississippi - Saturday Night Rag - Whole Hog Or None - Honey Do You Love Me - Huh? - Good Ol' Alabam - All You Gotta Do Is Whistle - String Stealing (instrumental) - Between A Rock And A Hard Place - Lou'siana Serenade - Half As Much - Texas Swing - We've Come A Long Way Together - When You're Tired Of Breaking Other Hearts - What's The Matter With My Heart - On The Okefenokee - Time And A Half Time - No Not Now (& Hank Williams) - Leave Me Alone With The Blues (alt.) - Grandma's Turned Over Again (alt.) - Woe Is Me (alt.) - Georgia Boogie (alt.) - Blue Melody (alt.) - Good Ol' Alabam (alt.) - All You Gotta Do Is Whistle (alt.) - Between A Rock And A Hard Place (alt.)

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