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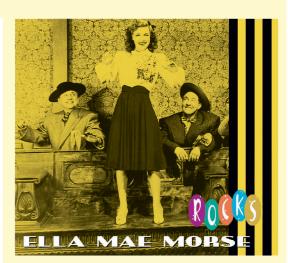
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INFORMATION

"What is my type of song?" Ella Mae Morse once asked her mentor, the songwriter, singer and record label owner Johnny Mercer when he told her that a certain song didn't fit her style. He wasn't alone in pigeonholing her. "Cliffie Stone said, 'You're a country singer.' And Benny Carter said, 'You're a jazz singer.' T-Bone Walker said, 'You're a rock'n'roll, blues black singer – that's what you are." They were all right – and her versatility was both Morse's greatest asset and her biggest problem. Morse came of age in the Swing Era and her own tastes tended toward blues-tinged swing jazz and torchy ballads, but her breakthrough hit from 1942, the jivey, bluesy novelty Cow Cow Boogie aside, she has ironically been less remembered for her early forays in these styles than for her 1950s stabs at R&B, rock'n'roll and hillbilly boogie.

This collection gathers many of Morse's most rocking and hard-swinging sides, as compiled by the noted music historian Bill Millar. It runs the gamut, from the song that made Morse a star, *Cow Cow Boogie*, to covers of classic early '50s R&B and early rock 'n'roll like *Money Honey, Have Mercy Baby* and *Ain't That A Shame*. The telling link between these two styles were classic, forward-looking piano and vocal showcases from the early postwar period like *The House Of Blue Lights* and *A Little Further Down The Road A Piece*, many of them cut with Freddie Slack, the boogie woogie stylist with whom Morse had originally hit the big time.

TRACK LISTING

Money Honey • Have Mercy Baby • Rock Me All Night Long • Daddy Daddy • The House Of Blue Lights • 5-10-15 Hours • Teardrops From My Eyes • How Can You Leave A Man Like This • Lovey Dovey • Get Off It And Go • Okie Boogie • False Hearted Girl • Greyhound • Jump Back Honey • A Little Further Down The Road A Piece • Bouncin' Ball • Big Mamou • Forty Cups Of Coffee • Give A Little Time To Your Lover • The Blacksmith Blues • Won't You Listen To Me Baby • Okie Boogie • Smack Dab In The Middle • Yes, Yes I Do • Razzle Dazzle • Ain't That A Shame • Piddily Patter Patter • Seventeen • When Boy Kiss Girl (It's Love) • Give Me Love • Rockin' And Rollin' • Rock And Roll Wedding • Cow-Cow Boogie • Mr. Anthony's Blues

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