



# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

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ARTIST	DON RENO & RED SMILEY
TITLE	Sweethearts In Heaven The Complete Dot Recordings 1957-1964
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16728
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TRACKS	24
PLAYING TIME	53:27



## SALES NOTES

This collection brings together for the first time on CD the complete Dot Recordings of Don Reno. The twelve landmark tracks from 1957 with his longtime partner Red Smiley, produced by Mac Wiseman, are heralded as some of the finest music the duo ever recorded. Following the end of their partnership, Reno made his first recordings as a solo artist within one month of their breakup. Produced by Reno's former employer, Arthur Smith, these twelve titles were only available for a short period on LP and make their first appearance on CD here.

A newly researched biography and exhaustive notes by Grand Ole Opry announcer Eddie Stubbs contains extensive quotes from producers, Wiseman and Smith, as well as Reno's oldest son, Ronnie. Stubbs relates the complete story about the music and the men.

### Quotes From Members Of The Country Music Hall Of Fame

*"In my disc jockey days in the late '50s, bluegrass music was just as much a part of country as anything else, and I wouldn't think of doing a show without playing Don Reno and Red Smiley. I played a lot of Don and Red's music. I liked their music very much, and when I got to know them personally in later years, they were just incredible. They were so nice to me. You know, you remember as a young artist the people who were nice to you on the way up, and I have never forgotten how nice Don and Red always were to me."*

**Bill Anderson**

*"Well, to be honest with you, I thought they were the best bluegrass group I'd ever heard. I liked their brand right off the bat. I liked Don Reno and Red Smiley. They were my favorite bluegrass group."*

**Merle Haggard**

*"I met Don Reno and Red Smiley back in the late '50s. Wow, they had a great band and show. They invited us to come and play on their TV show as their guest for two weeks. At night we'd work in school houses and auditoriums. That was the beginning of a lifelong friendship. Don and Red were the kind of guys you could have fun with, they just felt like family the first time you met them. And from then on, they were part of my music family. You could always count on them to put on a show!!! And most of all, the two of them were real, genuine men of great character."*

**Porter Wagoner**



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## TRACK LISTING

### Don Reno & Red Smiley:

1. Howdy Neighbor Howdy
2. Sweethearts In Heaven
3. Where Did Our Young Years Go
4. Cotton Eyed Joe
5. Your Love Is Dying
6. Dark Waters
7. Sawing On The Strings
8. One Teardrop And One Step Away
9. Unforgiveable You
10. Banjo Medley
11. (Won't You) Kiss Me One More Time
12. One More Hill

### Don Reno:

1. Somewhere Tonight
2. It's Only Right That I Should Pray
3. Military Five String
4. Silver Threads Among The Gold
5. Soldier's Joy Hop
6. Three Finger Hop
7. Clear Skies
8. If I Could Hold You One More Time
9. Now I'm Willing To Give You My Heart
10. Lonesome Hearted Blues
11. I Know You're Married, But I Love You Still
12. Charlotte Breakdown