



# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

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ARTIST	MERLE HAGGARD
TITLE	Hag The Studio Recordings 1969 - 1976
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16749
PRICE-CODE	FK
EAN-CODE	 4 000127 167491
ISBN-CODE	978-3-89916-329-2
FORMAT	6-CD boxed set (LP-size) with 140-page hardcover book
GENRE	Country
TRACKS	165
PLAYING TIME	467:21



## KEY SELLING POINTS

- A true legend of American music captured in his prime!
- The follow-up to Bear Family's hugely acclaimed 'Untamed Hawk' set.
- All the studio recordings between 1969 and 1976, including 15 straight #1 country hits.
- Includes Vietnam era classics like *Okie From Muskogee* and *The Fightin' Side Of Me*, as well as the more moderate unreleased song *Somewhere In Between*.
- More than 20 other unreleased performances!

## SALES NOTES

Merle Haggard occupies a unique place in American music. The man who gave voice to the Silent Majority went on to become a counter-culture favourite. He has scored hits in the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s, and still works 200 sold-out road dates a year.

Ever since Bear Family released 'Untamed Hawk' in 1995, we've been asked for a follow-up comprising the rest of his legendary Capitol recordings. This is it...on 6 CDs, and it covers the tumultuous years between 1968 and 1976. The only exclusions are his Jimmie Rodgers tribute (already issued on a single CD by Bear Family) and the live recordings, which will be released in a companion volume. These were the years when Merle Haggard polarized the USA with songs like *Okie From Muskogee* and *The Fightin' Side Of Me*, yet, as this set reveals, his approach to politics was more nuanced than many thought at the time. In an unreleased song (one of many) titled *Somewhere In Between* he says "I stand looking at the left wing, and I turn towards the right, and my eyes find both good and bad there on either scene ...." He adds, *I'm not too old to understand the young who disagree.*" The unissued recordings also include his original version of *That's The Way Love Goes*, which became a big hit for him on Epic Records several years later.

These were Merle Haggard's golden years when he gave voice to the voiceless, and scored an unbroken string of #1 hits. This is American country music... make that American music... at its finest.

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## TRACK LISTING

### CD 1:

1. I'd Rather Be Gone
2. Montego Bay
3. I Die Ten Thousand Times A Day
4. California On My Mind
5. California Cotton Fields
6. White Line Fever
7. I Came So Close To Failure
8. Workin' Man Blues
9. The Sea Shores Of Old Mexico
10. Okie From Muskogee
11. If I Had Left It Up To You
12. Streets Of Berlin
13. Huntsville
14. Train Of Life
15. They're Tearing The Labor Camps Down
16. The Fightin' Side Of Me
17. I Wonder What She'll Think About Me Leaving
18. No Reason To Quit
19. Jesus, Take A Hold
20. I Ain't Got Nobody
21. New York City Blues
22. One Row At A Time
23. Shelly's Winter Love
24. I'll Be A Hero When I Strike
25. If You've Got Time (To Say Goodbye)
26. I'm A Good Loser
27. I Can't Be Myself
28. I've Done It All
29. One Sweet Hello

### CD 2:

1. Worried, Unhappy, Lonesome And Sorry
2. Somewhere In Between
3. The Sidewalks Of Chicago
4. The Farmer's Daughter
5. Tulare Dust
6. When The Feelin' Goes Away
7. Soldier's Last Letter
8. The Only Trouble With Me
9. Making Believe
10. Big Time Annie's Square
11. You're The Only Girl In The Game
12. The Conversion Of Ronnie Jones
13. Carolyn
14. It's Great To Be Alive
15. Someday We'll Look Back
16. Somewhere In Between
17. My Heart Would Know
18. Daddy Frank (The Guitar Man)



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19. Goodbye Comes Hard For Me
20. The Man Who Picked The Wildwood Flower
21. You Don't Love Me (But I'll Always Care)
22. This Cold War With You
23. Irma Jackson
24. Recitation: The Proudest Fiddle In The World (A Maiden's Prayer)
25. Turnin' Off A Memory
26. Grandma Harp

## CD 3:

1. They're Tearin' The Labor Camps Down
2. Bill Woods From Bakersfield
3. Old Doc Brown
4. A Shoulder To Cry On
5. The Funeral
6. Bring It On Down To My House, Honey
7. Combine Blues
8. Blues Stay Away From Me
9. Tired Of Your Understanding Ways
10. Hag's Dixie Blues #2
11. I Ain't Got Nobody (And Nobody Cares For Me)
12. Moanin' The Blues
13. Don't Let The Deal Go Down
14. Stingeree
15. Lovesick Blues
16. Blues For Dixie
17. I Forget You Every Day
18. A Shoulder To Cry On
19. I Know An Ending When It Comes
20. Dad's Old Fiddle
21. I'm A White Boy
22. I Wonder Where I'll Find You At Tonight
23. My Woman Keeps Lovin' Her Man
24. It's Not Love (But It's Not Bad)
25. Somewhere To Come When It Rains
26. My Woman Keeps Lovin' Her Man

## CD 4:

1. I Wonder If They Ever Think Of Me
2. To Each His Own
3. I Wonder What She'll Think About Me Leaving
4. I'm An Old, Old Man (Tryin' To Live While I Can)
5. I'd Never Told On You
6. I Wonder If They Ever Think Of Me
7. I Forget You Every Day
8. Big Bad Bill (Is Sweet William Now)
9. If We Make It Through December
10. I'll Break Out Tonight
11. Love And Honor Never Crossed Your Mind
12. This Is The Song We Sing
13. There's Just One Way
14. The Emptiest Arms In The World
15. Come On Into My Arms



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16. Radiator Man From Waco
17. Uncle Lem
18. Daddy Won't Be Home Again For Christmas
19. Bobby Wants A Puppy For Christmas
20. Silent Night
21. Winter Wonderland
22. White Christmas
23. Silver Bells
24. Jingle Bells
25. Grandma's Homemade Christmas Card
26. Santa Claus And Popcorn

## CD 5:

1. White Man Singin' The Blues
2. Better Off When I Was Hungry
3. Things Aren't Funny Anymore
4. That's The Way Love Goes
5. Got A Letter From My Kid Today
6. Honky Tonk Night Time Man
7. A Man's Got To Give Up A Lot
8. The Girl Who Made Me Laugh
9. No More Trains To Ride
10. Holding Things Together
11. So Long Train Whistle
12. September In Miami
13. A King Without A Queen
14. It Don't Bother Me
15. Travelin'
16. Don't Give Up On Me
17. Here In 'Frisco
18. Railroad Lady
19. Old Man From The Mountain
20. Mirrors Don't Lie
21. Movin' On
22. The Seeker
23. Kentucky Gambler
24. You'll Always Be Special To Me
25. Life's Like Poetry
26. I've Got A Darlin' (For A Wife)
27. These Mem'ries We're Making Tonight
28. The Hobo
29. The Coming And The Going Of The Trains
30. My Love Affair With Trains
31. The Silver Ghost

## CD 6:

1. Where Have All The Hobos Gone
2. I Won't Give Up My Train
3. Union Station
4. When My Last Song Is Sung
5. I've Got A Yearning
6. Always Wanting You
7. Nothin's Worse Than Losing



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8. Colorado
9. The Roots Of My Raising
10. Living With The Shades Pulled Down
11. After Loving You
12. Cotton Patch Blues
13. Runnin' Kind
14. Walk On The Outside
15. Let's Stop Pretending (Dirty Old Hat Band)
16. Right Or Wrong
17. It's All In The Movies
18. The Way It Was In '51
19. Goodbye Lefty
20. I Never Go Around Mirrors
21. Am I Standing In Your Way?
22. A Working Man Can't Get Nowhere Today
23. The Waltz You Saved For Me
24. Cherokee Maiden
25. What Have You Got Planned Tonight, Diana
26. Here Comes The Freedom Train
27. Campaign Of '76