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ARTIST	WILMA LEE & STONEY COOPER
TITLE	Big Midnight Special
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16751
PRICE-CODE	DK
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FORMAT	4-CD boxed-set (LP-size) mit 48-page book
GENRE	Bluegrass / Hillbilly
TRACKS	122
PLAYING TIME	315:25



KEY SELLING POINTS

- In response to many requests from fans of bluegrass and old time music, the classic recordings of Wilma Lee & Stoney Cooper are finally issued complete!
- Includes ultra-rare and unissued early recordings from the Coopers' personal collection!
- Everything that Wilma Lee and Stoney Cooper recorded for Rich-R-Tone, Columbia, and Hickory...complete and restored!
- Incredible versions of classic songs like *Little Rosewood Casket*, *Wicked Path Of Sin*, *Tramp On The Street*, *Walking My Lord Up Calvary's Hill*, *Thirty Pieces Of Silver*, *Big Midnight Special*, *This Ole House*, and *Wreck On The Highway*.
- A hugely important piece of American musical history now on CD for the first time!

SALES NOTES

Old time, bluegrass, traditional. Whatever you call them, WILMA LEE and STONEY COOPER kept it alive and kept it country. They sang and played their style of music as well as anyone ever has or ever will. The Grand Ole Opry and the Wheeling Jamboree made them stars...and stars they remained from the 1940s onward.

This 4-CD set includes all of Wilma Lee and Stoney Cooper's recordings for Rich-R-Tone, Columbia, and Hickory. Every locatable recording between 1947 and 1964 is included. Among the traditional music classics in this collection are *Little Rosewood Casket*, *Wicked Path Of Sin*, *Tramp On The Street*, *Willy Roy The Crippled Boy*, *Walking My Lord Up Calvary's Hill*, *Thirty Pieces Of Silver*, *Ain't Gonna Work Tomorrow*, and many more. They also recorded the original version of *I Dreamed Of A Hillbilly Heaven*, although it wasn't released at the time (it is included here, though).

After switching to Hickory Records in 1955, the Coopers made some of the very finest new music in the old-time style, scoring hits with *Cheated Too*, *Come Walk With Me*, *Big Midnight Special*, *There's A Big Wheel*, *Johnny My Love*, *This Ole House*, and *Wreck On The Highway*. All of them are here, together with every other extant Hickory recording.

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The best songwriters of their generation, including Don Gibson, the Louvins, and Boudleaux Bryant wrote for them, and Wilma Lee herself wrote many of their songs.

Stoney Cooper died in 1977, but Wilma Lee continued to make appearances, and became a spokesperson for the music she loved and the music she did so much to popularize and keep alive for future generations. This set is a trove of classic American traditional music, sung with the passion it deserves, and played by some of the best musicians of the 1940s, '50s, and '60s. Most of these recordings have never been on CD!

The set also includes a full-length biography by Bruce A. McGuire with many first-hand accounts from Wilma Lee herself, as well as rare photos and advertisements.

TRACK LISTING

CD1

1. The Little Rosewood Casket
2. What Will I Do
3. Two Little Orphans
4. Wicked Path Of Sin
5. This World Can't Stand Long
6. Tramp On The Street
7. Matthew Twenty-Four
8. My Dreamboat Is Drifting
9. Girl In The Blue Velvet Band
10. What Good Will It Do
11. Blue Mountain Girl
12. I Love No One But You
13. Willy Roy (The Crippled Boy)
14. Thirty Pieces Of Silver
15. What's The Matter With This World
16. Moonlight On West Virginia
17. No One Now
18. He Will Save Your Soul (From The Burning Fire)
19. I Dreamed About 'Mom Last Night
20. On The Banks Of The River
21. I Ain't Gonna Work Tomorrow
22. The White Rose
23. The Legend Of The Dogwood Tree
24. The Message Came Special
25. Faded Love
26. The Golden Rocket
27. Mother's Prayer
28. The Ghost Train

CD2

1. I'm Taking My Audition (To Sing Up In The Sky)
2. Walking My Lord Up Calvary Hill
3. All On Account Of You
4. Stoney (Are You Mad At Your Gal)
5. The West Virginia Polka
6. Sunny Side Of The Mountain
7. You Tried To Ruin My Name
8. Have Mercy On Me
9. I Cried Again
10. The Clinch Mountain Waltz
11. My Lord's Gonna Shake My Hand
12. Will The Lord Let You In
13. Idle Gossip, Idle Words
14. Don't Play That Song (On The Juke Box Tonight)
15. What Can I Say
16. You Belong To Somebody Else
17. Are You Walking And A-Talking For The Lord
18. You Can't Take It With You (When You Go)
19. You Can't Feel The Way I Do
20. Brand New Baby
21. Bamboozled
22. Can You Forget
23. Each Season Changes You
24. Just For A While
25. How It Hurts To Cry Alone
26. Please Help Me To Be Wrong
27. We Make A Lovely Couple (You And I)
28. Not Anymore
29. Far Beyond The Starry Sky
30. I Dreamed Of A Hillbilly Heaven
31. The West Virginia Polka (advert)

CD3

1. I Want To Be Loved
2. This Crazy, Crazy World
3. Row Number Two, Seat Number Three
4. I've Been Cheated Too
5. It's Just As Well (& Al Terry)
6. I'm Not The Girl (& Al Terry)
7. This Thing Called Man
8. Loving You
9. X Marks The Spot
10. The Tramp On The Street
11. My Heart Keeps Crying
12. He Taught Them How
13. Diamond Joe
14. I Tell My Heart
15. Come Walk With Me
16. Is It Right
17. Big Midnight Special
18. Walking My Lord Up Calvary Hill
19. The Canadian Reel
20. Home Sweet Home
21. Heartbreak Street
22. There's A Big Wheel
23. Rachel's Guitar
24. Night After Night
25. Johnny, My Love (Grandma's Diary)
26. More Love
27. This Old House
28. Train, You Took My Baby
29. Heartaches Don't Lie
30. I Gotta Laugh (To Keep From Crying)
31. Wreck On The Highway
32. Trouble Ahead
33. The Mighty Battle Cry

CD4

1. Doin' My Time
2. Have Faith In Me
3. Matthew Twenty Four
4. Six More Miles
5. Teardrops Falling In The Snow
6. I'm Reading Your Letter Again
7. When God Comes And Gathers His Jewels
8. Singing Waterfall
9. Thirty Pieces Of Silver
10. At The First Fall Of Snow
11. Philadelphia Lawyer
12. On The Evening Train
13. Help Me Understand
14. The Legend Of The Dogwood Tree
15. Every Hour And Every Day
16. Satisfied
17. There's A Higher Power
18. Keep Your Eyes On Jesus
19. Family Bible
20. The Black Sheep Returned To The Fold
21. The Way Worn Traveler
22. Glory Land March
23. Wandering Soul
24. This World Can't Stand Long
25. When My Time Comes To Go
26. The Story Of The Three Nails
27. I Couldn't Care Less
28. Big John's Wife
29. This Train
30. Pirate King