

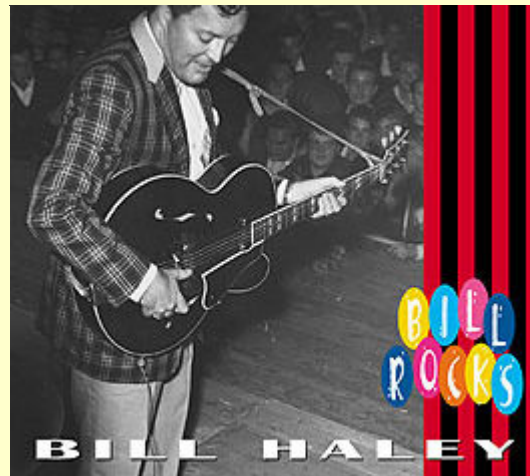


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ARTIST	BILL HALEY
TITLE	Bill Rocks
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16807
PRICE-CODE	AR
EAN-CODE	 4 000127 168078
ISBN-CODE	3-89916-168-8
FORMAT	CD Digipac
GENRE	Rock 'n' Roll
TRACKS	31
PLAYING TIME	t.b.a.



SALES NOTES

The hoopla surrounding the purported fiftieth anniversary of rock 'n' roll in 2004 didn't quite ring true. Yes, Elvis made his first record in 1954, but Bill Haley, who died neglected and alone on the Mexican border twenty-five years ago on the 9th of February, went to his grave wondering why he'd been written out of the story. True, the Pennsylvania polka bars where he stumbled across his music didn't have the eye candy appeal of Memphis after dark, and yes he was almost middle-aged and had a goofy little kiss curl, but he was in the charts with rock 'n' roll as early as 1953, and he'd figured it out several years before that. So yes, Bill Haley was first, and some say that he's still the greatest. No one at Bear Family would argue with that!

Bear Family presents, for the first time ever, a complete cross-section of Bill Haley's rockin'est recordings. Some were made for Holiday and Essex Records in the early 1950s and some for Decca in the mid-to-late 1950s. Here's **his version of *Rocket '88'* from 1951** which proves he was already on the verge of figuring it out. Later **Essex recordings like *Rock The Joint* and *Crazy, Man, Crazy*** (the absolute guaranteed first rock 'n' roll hit from 1953!) proved that he was indisputably first. Then, of course, he switched to Decca and his early Decca singles, ***Shake Rattle And Roll* and *Rock Around The Clock***, were the shots heard around the world. Rock 'n' roll had arrived, ushered in by Bill Haley & His Comets.

This is what the revolution sounded like!

TRACK LISTING

1. (We're Gonna) Rock Around The Clock
2. Shake, Rattle And Roll
3. Dim, Dim The Lights (I Want Some Atmosphere)
4. Happy Baby
5. Mambo Rock
6. Rocket '88'
7. Birth Of The Boogie
8. Razzle Dazzle
9. Two Hound Dogs
10. Rock The Joint
11. Burn That Candle

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12. Rock-A-Beatin' Boogie
13. See You Later, Alligator
14. Real Rock Drive
15. The Saints Rock 'n' Roll
16. A.B.C. Boogie
17. R-O-C-K
18. Crazy Man Crazy
19. Hot Dog Buddy Buddy
20. Rockin' Through The Rye
21. Rip It Up
22. Fractured
23. Rudy's Rock (instrumental)
24. Choo Choo Ch' Boogie
25. Don't Knock The Rock
26. Live It Up
27. Forty Cups Of Coffee
28. Skinny Minnie
29. Lean Jean
30. Where Did You Go Last Night?
31. Green Tree Boogie