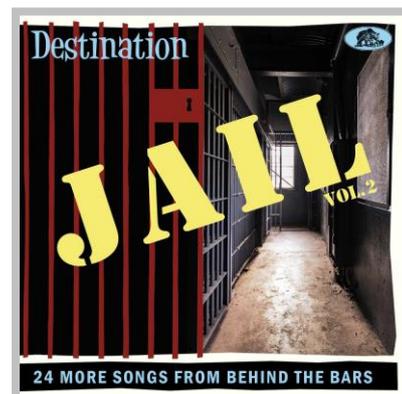


# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



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Artist **Various Artists**  
Title **Destination Jail, Vol. 2**  
Label **Bear Family Records**  
Catalog no. **BCD17709** Price code: **AB**  
EAN-Code **4000127177094**  
Format **1-CD with 12-page booklet**  
Genre **Blues, Rhythm 'n' Blues**  
No. of tracks **24** approx. 70:00 min.  
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## INFO:

- With 'Destination Jail, Vol. 2', Bear Family Records® offers another intriguing collection of blues and rhythm & blues obscurities and classics from the '40s to the '60s about life behind bars.
- It deals with the various elements of the US justice system: prison = county farm, chain gang; jail and penitentiary.
- Among the better-known highlights are *Jailhouse Rock* by Frankie Lymon, the heartbreaking *Please Mr. Jailer* by Wynona Carr, the *Prisoner's Song* by Fats Domino - in this case a classic from the Anglo-Celtic tradition - and the tongue-in-cheek *Good Morning Judge* by Wynonie Harris.
- An exciting introduction to an important topic of Afro-American roots music, with liner notes by Roland Heinrich Runtreiber and originals remastered with finesse.

Incarceration is a frequent theme in American roots music, especially in blues and rhythm & blues. African American life in the New World started in chains and endured slavery and segregation. Despite significant changes initiated during the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, equality has not yet reached all strata of society.

The percentage of African Americans sentenced to time in prison is considerably higher than that of other demographic groups. Frequent analysis also reveals statistics that African Americans most likely receive longer prison sentences than white Americans.

This is a sensitive topic, and one might wonder how this compilation of African American popular music from the 40s to 60s fits into the lighter and novelty-laden 'Destination' Series. See and listen for yourself.

In contrast to old-time and early country music, where the theme continued the Anglo-Celtic tradition of the murder ballad, jail, in the African American tradition, is no metaphor for self-reflection and transformation. Incarceration does not serve as a mirror of one's self; it is the mirror image of a sickening society.

With 'Destination Jail, Vol. 2', Bear Family Records® offers an intriguing collection of blues and rhythm & blues - obscurities and classics dealing with life behind bars. The songs feature all the various elements of the US detention system: prison - county farm, chain gang, prison, and penitentiary.

Among the better-known highlights, we find *Jailhouse Rock* by Frankie Lymon (who pleaded not to be a juvenile delinquent), Wynona Carr's heart-breaking *Please Mr. Jailer*, *Prisoner's Song* by Fats Domino - in this case, a classic form the Anglo Celtic tradition, and the tongue-in-cheek *Good Morning Judge* by Wynonie Harris.

This compilation offers various styles. It also presents multiple viewpoints - from gallows humor, the laughing-to-keep-from-crying approach, the cry for help, and the promise of redemption.

Bear Family Records®' new compilation, 'Destination Jail, Vol. 2' is an exciting and wallet-friendly introduction to a significant African American roots music topic.

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## TRACKLISTING:

### CD:

**Sonny Knight:** But Officer    **Wynonie Harris:** Good Morning Judge    **Frankie Lymon:** Jailhouse Rock    **Smiley Lewis:** Jailbird  
**Danny Cobb:** Hey, Mr. Warden    **Lonesome Sundown:** My Home Is A Prison    **Eddie Boyd:** I'm A Prisoner    **Ottile Patterson:** Jailhouse Blues  
**Roosevelt Sykes:** Jailbait    **Billy Boy Arnold:** Prisoner's Plea    **El Pauling and Royal Abbit:** Jail Bird  
**Josh White:** Ball And Chain Blues    **T-Bone Walker:** Prison Blues    **Wynona Carr:** Please Mr. Jailer    **André Williams:** Jail Bait  
**The Robins:** Riot In Cell Block No. 9    **Joe Jones:** The Prisoner's Song    **Sonny Knight:** Jail Bird    **Willie Nix:** Prison Bound Blues  
**Magic Sam:** 21 Days In Jail    **Theola Kilgore:** Chain Gang - The Sound Of My Man    **Fats Domino:** Prisoner's Song  
**The Prisonaires:** A Prisoner's Prayer    **The Larks:** When I Leave These Prison Walls

## ALSO AVAILABLE:

### Various Artists: Destination Jail

BCD17689 AB  
1-CD with 20-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127176899



### Various Artists: Destination Lonely Street

BCD17574 AB  
1-CD with 16-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102175749



### Various Artists: Destination Lust

BCD17516 AB  
1-CD with 28-page booklet  
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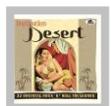
### Various Artists: Destination Lust, Vol. 2

BCD17559 AB  
1-CD with 16-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102175596



### Various Artists: Destination Desert

BCD17731 AB  
1-CD with 28-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127177315



### Various Artists: Destination Forbidden Planet

BCD17617 AB  
1-CD with 16-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102176173



### Various Artists: Destination Freeway

BCD17716 AB  
1-CD with 20-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127177162



### Various Artists: Happy Birthday, Baby!

BCD17695 AH  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127176950

