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artist: **John Harris & The Soul Sayers**
title A: **Hangin' In**
Title B: **What Can I Do**

Label: **Cree Records / Bear Family Productions**
Catalog #: **CRS 501**
Price Code: **BFSP**
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Size: **7" Vinyl Single**
Genre: **Northern Soul**

Cover: **Picture Cover**
Mastering: **DMM**
Edition: **Limited Edition / 500 Pieces / Numbered**



JOHN HARRIS & THE SOUL SAYERS

British Northern Soul DJ Paul Sadot was probably the first to spin *Hangin' In* by John Harris & The Soul Sayers. Over a period of several years, the track became a verified hit in that small underground soul community that has since extended all over Europe. At first, there only appeared to be a few copies, all found in America. This is not surprising since John Harris was a black GI. But he was stationed in the Rhineland and played in a GI band, and the song was recorded in Germany. The group toured a little through the Chitlin' Circuit of Europe's U.S. bases, from Germany to Belgium to northern France.

One day, the band showed up at Kerston Records, a label founded by Alfred Kersten. There you could record and take the recordings home pressed as singles. Former sound engineer Kersten remembers an edition of 250 copies. When the Soul Sayers disbanded, the band members probably took the remaining copies back to America. So far, only two copies have ever been found in Germany.

Collectors who have scared up a copy of the original single will have had to dig deep into their pockets. Recently a copy was sold at auction on Ebay for \$ 2,900. But now Cree Records / Bear Family Productions has unearthed the original tapes. They are about to release this rare single again in a limited edition of 500 copies, complete with a picture sleeve.