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Charles Brown - Honey Dripper (1996)



1 News All Over Town 7:09 2 I Cried Last Night 4:27 3 When Did You Leave Heaven 5:12 4 There Is No Greater Love 3:23 5 If I Had You 3:52 6 Gee 3:13 7 The Very Thought Of You 5:05 8 You Won't Let Me Go 4:54 9 The Honey Dripper 4:27 10 They All Say I'm The Biggest Fool 4:21 11 At Your Beck And Call 5:58 12 Everyday I Have The Blues 4:02 13 Precious Lord 3:32 14 Charles Brown's Thank You 0:28 Bass – Ruth Davies Design – CB Graphic Drums – Gaylord Birch Guitar, Music Director – Danny Caron Piano, Vocals – Charles Brown Producer – John Snyder Tenor Saxophone – Clifford Solomon Vocals - Etta James (track 5) Vocals - Irene Reid (track 10)

"Soothing" is not a word normally associated with blues, but its the word that best captures the experience of listening to Charles Brown, and Honey Dripper is no exception. Listening to it is like sipping a fine bottle of cognac. Seventy-two years old at the time of this recording session, Brown sounds agile, almost ageless. Indeed, time seems to stand still when he plays and sings in that same understated, urbane manner he popularized with Johnny Moore's Three Blazers back in the 1940s. Like his other recordings this decade, Honey Dripper features Brown's regular working combo, led by guitarist Danny Caron and including saxophonist Clifford Solomon. The songs range from straight-ahead blues to jazz ballads, with some straddling the line. ---Steve Hoffman, AllMusic Review

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