The Drifters - Golden Hits (1968)



01 There Goes My Baby
02 (If You Cry) True Love, True Love
03 Dance With Me
04 This Magic Moment play
05 Save The Last Dance For Me
06 I Count The Tears
07 Some Kind Of Wonderful play
08 Up On The Roof
09 On Broadway
10 Under The Boardwalk
11 I've Got Sand In My Shoes
12 Saturday Night At The Movies

Released in 1968, this set chronicled the golden era of the Drifters (1959-1964). This starts right off with the sound of the "new" Drifters with Ben E. King on lead: "There Goes My Baby"; timeless classic. Next "If You Cry" and "Dance With Me" a double-sided hit; both very nice, nice songs. I dig the string arrangements. The hits continue with "This Magic Moment" and "Save The Last Dance For Me." "I Count The Tears" is one I always liked because of the "na-na-na-na late at night", and that's right; the Grass Roots copied that for "Let's Live For Today." Uh-uh. "Some Kind Of Wonderful" is some kind of gem; it hardly gets any attention. "Up On The Roof" and "On Broadway" feature Rudy Lewis on vocal and are ageless songs. "Under The Boardwalk" and the answer to it, "I've Got Sand In My Shoes" are really crafty and neat songs as well as "Saturday Night At The Movies" which I loved ever since I first heard it. Those three feature Johnny Moore. The Drifters were one of Atlantic Records best-selling groups and their songs are absolutely timeless and ageless never seeming to grow old. They sort of transport you to another place where you can escape the outside world. The Rhino compilation is the best alternative for this one because of track number and sound quality. Yes, this one is pretty short but the sound is quite good actually and a lot of songs are in stereo. If you're an

original album collector liking to collect CD versions of old LPs, this is a definitive set. Josh P., amazon.com

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