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TOP 15

KANSAS CITY
WILBERT HARRISON

FANNY MAE
BUSTER BROWN

WALLFLOWER
ETTA JAMES

SLEEPWALK
SANTO AND JOHNNY

STORY UNTOLD
THE NUTMEGS

GOODNITE SWEETHEART, GOODNITE
THE SPANIELS

HEY LITTLE GIRL
DEE CLARK

DEDICATED TO THE ONE I LOVE
THE SHIRELLES

GET A JOB
THE SILHOUETTES

SHAKE A HAND
FAYE ADAMS

I LOVE YOU MADLY
CHARLIE AND RAY

YA YA
LEE DORSEY

A THOUSAND STARS
THE RIVILEERS

HEAVENLY FATHER
EDNA McGRUFF

SPEEDOO
THE CADILLACS

THE 15 ORIGINAL HIT RECORDINGS



The Man Who Coined
The Phrase "Rock 'N' Roll"


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Side One

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| Kansas City – Wilbert Harrison | Fury 1023 | 1959 |
| Fanny Mae – Buster Brown | Fire 1008 | 1959 |
| Wallflower – Etta James | Modern 947 | 1954 |
| Sleepwalk – Santo and Johnny | Canadian-American 103 | 1959 |
| Story Untold – Nutmegs | Herald 452 | 1955 |
| Goodnite Sweetheart, Goodnite – The Spaniels | Vee Jay 107 | 1954 |
| Hey Little Girl – Dee Clark | Abner 1029 | 1959 |
| Dedicated To The One I Love – The Shirelles | Scepter 1203 | 1959 |

Side Two

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| Get A Job – The Silhouettes | Ember 1029 | 1957 |
| Shake A Hand – Faye Adams | Herald 416 | 1953 |
| I Love You Madly – Charlie and Ray | Herald 438 | 1954 |
| Ya Ya – Lee Dorsey | Fury 1053 | 1961 |
| A Thousand Stars – The Rivileers | Baton 200 | 1954 |
| Heavenly Father – Edna McGriff | Jubilee 5073 | 1952 |
| Speedoo – The Cadillacs | Josie 785 | 1955 |

In reply to the thousands of requests I've received asking what my favorite rock n roll records are, I've selected 15 of the hundreds that I play over and over again at home.

It is impossible for me to present this album without thinking back to 1951 in Cleveland, where I named Our music "rock n roll". The critics said it would die as quickly as it was born. But I take note of the fact that rock n roll is perhaps the livest corpse in the history of popular music. Tunes that were recorded many years ago and launched many a youngster on successful careers are still in great demand.

"Ya, Ya" by Lee Dorsey started a career that has flourished through the years.

One of the biggest selling female vocal groups on today's record horizon are the Shirelles and in this LP they're doing their first and still strong selling hit of "Dedicated To The One I Love".

A pair of guitar playing lads, Santo & Johnny are one of the hottest duets on wax with their rendition of "Sleepwalk".

Not all of the artists that make it big remain in the business. Marriage, families and many other forces of normal living prevent them from pursuing stage and recording careers. But, the tunes they've made, the ones that we keep playing, the ones that you keep on requesting will never disappear from the scene. You won't permit us to forget Wilbert Harrison singing "Kansas City", or Buster Brown's "Fanny Mae". Etta James with her "Wallflower" and Faye Adams doing "Shake A Hand". They will always be aired on an "oldies" program.

Just go down the rest of the list of tunes in this album and I'm sure you'll understand why these are 15 of my "Pics". If you like them well enough, I might let you in on some of my other favorites later.

My thanks to the record companies and artists who gave us permission to use the very original recordings just as they were released when they became hits.

Have a ball!

Sincerely,

ALAN FREED

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