



VA Asking for The Truth (But Praying for a Lie)

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SOUL 4 REAL

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Genre

FILE UNDER - V/A - ROCK



DESCRIPTION

Soul4Real returns to the south with a selection of eleven songs from Malaco, Muscle Shoals Sound Studios and Alarm Records. There is no doubt that in the 1970s and 1980s, Malaco in Mississippi and Muscle Shoals Sound in Alabama were both highly significant in defining the southern soul sound. Malaco's Studio had opened in 1967, while Muscle Shoals Sound Studio opened its doors for business in 1969, when four musicians left nearby Fame Studios to go it alone. Alarm Records, meanwhile, based in Shreveport, Louisiana, provides listeners with four of the tracks on this album. Independent producers and major record companies sent their artists south to record, taking advantage of both Malaco and Muscle Shoals Sound's talented array of musicians, writers and producers. Muscle Shoals Sound, in particular, started to receive artists from Atlantic Records from the get-go; **R.B. Greaves**, **Baby Washington**, **Sam & Dave**, and **Solomon Burke** led the way, along with **Scotland's Lulu**. The first release on their own record label was the timeless "It Hurts So Good" by **Katie Love**. Meanwhile, Stax (amongst others) sent some of their artists to record at both studios, and Malaco would also lease some of its own productions out to Atlantic. Alarm Records was a smaller set-up which also produced some wonderful records. This album opens with the only female singer featured – **Dorothy Moore**. Her exquisite "Girl Overboard" has been justifiably popular on the soul scene for decades. The other ten tracks showcase an array of fine male singers, most of whom (**Bobby Bland** and **King Floyd** aside), sadly and perhaps unjustly, never really made the big time. It is the first showing on vinyl for three of the tracks here (previously having only been issued on CD), and **Jimmy Jules'** reading of "Having A Little Talk With Love" has never appeared anywhere before. As always, sit back and savor the music! Also featuring **Ray Crumley**, **George Jackson**, **Chuck Brooks**, **Joe Wilson**, **Ted Taylor**, **Eddie Giles**, and **Reuben Bell**.

TRACKLISTING

- A1. **Dorothy Moore** - Girl Overboard
- A2. **King Floyd** - I'm For Real
- A3. **Ray Crumley** - Good Guys Don't Always Win
- A4. **George Jackson** - Play Something Pretty
- A5. **Bobby Bland** - My Heart's Been Broken Again
- B1. **Jimmy Jules** - Having A Little Talk with Love
- B2. **Chuck Brooks** - I Believe in Love
- B3. **Joe Wilson** - Sour Love, Bitter Sweet
- B4. **Ted Taylor** - Caught Up in a Good Woman's Love
- B5. **Eddie Giles** - I Can't Get Over You
- B6. **Reuben Bell** - Asking For The Truth

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- Featuring **Dorothy Moore**, **George Jackson**, **Chuck Brooks**, and more.

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