

# TRACY'S FAMILY BAND



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## RODE THE MULE AROUND THE WORLD

### SIDE A

1. **Old Dan Tucker** (trad)
2. **My Home's Across the Smokey Mountains** (trad)
3. **The White Dove** (Carter Stanley)
4. **My Heart's Tonight In Texas** (Carter Family)
5. **Lemonade Song** (Trad)
6. **Jai Passe—Just Today** (Trad-English words by Tracy Schwarz)

Playing music makes more sense to me all the time; in the past two years or so our family band has begun to make real music in a way that I see reflected in the faces of the people we play to, and I hope this album communicates some of those feelings.

Perhaps the one thing that has brought us to this point is Peter's participation, and for that reason you could say this is Peter's album. He is living proof to Eloise and me that the essence of our music is to be found in its transfer from person to person more than in any of the forms it may take before or after, and it makes us happy to see that we've been able to transfer some of this beautiful music to him.

If we've represented the real us, this album ought to make a pretty good person-to-person hook-up. But even a perfect record would be limited; the best communication of music is done in person.

I hope we'll get a chance someday to visit you.

Tracy Schwarz  
May, 1981

### SIDE B

1. **We're The Band That Rode The Mule Around The World** (trad)
2. **I'm Thinking Tonight of My Blue Eyes** (A. P. Carter)
3. **Give Him One More As He Goes** (A. P. Carter)
4. **I'm In Love With You** (Benny Martin)
5. **Welcome Home Weary Travelers** (Tracy Schwarz-BMI)

On this album there are some well known songs that have a quality that's going to keep them alive forever. People like them and so do we. In fact, nobody should have to go through life without once hearing about **Old Dan Tucker** or Carter Stanley's **The White Dove**. On the other hand, pretty songs such as the Carter Family's **My Heart's Tonight In Texas** and the Cajun **Lemonade Song** are not so readily available, and we think people ought to hear them too.

We've taken some liberties with others: **J'ai Passe Just Today** uses Tracy's lyrics in English to build on the original Cajun-French theme of tragedy; **I'm In Love With You** moves from the 1950's sound of the original Kitty Wells hit to our own acoustic country arrangement; and **We're The Band That Rode The Mule Around The World** reflects our personal application of the old standard sung by Uncle Dave Macon, Charlie Poole, Stringbean, and other fun-loving folks.

The last song of the album is special to us. Musicians often have so many good and bad times together that they put them into songs. Tracy wrote **Welcome Home, Weary Travelers** for all musicians, but especially for the late Will and Rodney Baifa of Mamou, Louisiana. It seems we miss them more every time we hear their recordings, and maybe this song will help us to remember that we still feel the presence of their spirits among us as we too make our way homeward.

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For many years I played music and I have always loved music. I have loved traveling, entertaining and especially singing with Tracy. Since the forming of Tracy's Family Band, we have felt a real necessity to continue to play music, and with such a full commitment on all our parts, many things have happened. We started to do a great deal of spreading out and reaching many more and varied audiences. Soon the love of the music seemed to be the most important part of our program. We would sing and play for people who loved what we were doing. It was a new feeling, and I can only say that it brought a joyous quality to our giving and performing.

Today we have finished mastering a new record. There is so much music on this album. All the changes and maturing of our performances show in the master. This record is MUSIC, both singing and playing. I am so proud to be a part of it. I truly hope this record can bring some moments of happiness and pleasure to those who hear it. . . . And to audiences and strangers I can only say, "We love you all and here is some of us. . . . some of our music as it is today, May, 1981."

Eloise K. Schwarz

### CREDITS

Recorded at **Jerry's Garage, York, Pa.** May 1981

Recording engineer **Bill Hatfield**

Special thanks to **Bob Schwarz** for loaning us his mule "**Brandy**"

**Bob Hershey** of **H&H Photo, Hanover, Pa.**; Cover Pictures

**Joe King** for arranging the session for **Welcome Home**

Recorded at **Inception Sound, Toronto, Canada.**

Recording engineer **Chad Irschick**

Cover design **Eloise Schwarz, Tracy Schwarz**

### TRACY'S FAMILY BAND

Tracy Schwarz: vocals, lead guitar; fiddle and accordion; Eloise Schwarz: vocals, rhythm guitar;

Peter Schwarz: vocals, acoustic bass, electric bass, harmonica, 2nd fiddle, triangle, triangle, drums, and clogging too.

Welcome Home: Joe King, guitar

Ron Dann, pedal steel; Randy Kempf, electric bass.

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Folkways FA 2419 Look Out Here It Comes

Folkways FTS 31052 Down Home

Folkways FTS 6524 Dancing Bow and Singing Strings

Folkways FTS 8359 Learn to Fiddle

Folkways FM 8361 Traditional Cajun Fiddle

Folkways FM 8562 Cajun Fiddle Old and New

Folkways 8350 Fiddler's Companion

