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Here are the classic Country Gents in their first album-length release, produced by Mike Seeger in a Washington D.C. studio toward the end of 1959 (the exact date is lost), as their music was solidifying into the sound that would bring them enduring fame for the next several decades. Seeger had already introduced bluegrass to Folkways records via two albums of informally recorded music which had sold well enough to persuade Moses Asch that more was in order. And made to that order were these young savy urban musicians who were just beginning to blend several elements of popular music into the traditional bluegrass mix in a successful effort to develop their own style.

The component stressed by John Duffey's notes is the vocal trio, based in part on the distinctive sound the Osborne Brothers were bringing to close vocal harmonies on slow country ballads, and the popular three-part harmonies of Jim Edward, Maxine, and Bonnie, the Browns. Instrumentally, Eddie Adcock's banjo-playing featured licks borrowed from Chet Atkins and the steel guitar. John Duffey in turn was adding occasional work on the dobro and finger-style guitar to his adventurous mandolin style; here the dobro is usually overdubbed.

1959 was the year Alan Lomax recognized bluegrass, unforgettably dubbing it "folk music in overdrive", and thereby linking it to the folk revival already in full swing. If the Gentlemen. with their hip, zany stage performances matched few expectations of what a bluegrass band was supposed to be like, their musicianship won over all but the most skeptical traditionalists. In retrospect, their success then, as now, lay in no small part to their ability to shape classic bluegrass to their own genius, adding both old traditional tunes and current folk/pop material to their arsenal whenever it suited their purpose. This first of many collections established the mix; dozens more were to follow. By 1960, Tom Gray would replace Jim Cox on the bass, forming a quartet that would endure for the next several years and carry Country Gentlemen music to every part of the globe.

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Individual BiographiesBy John Duffey

Charley Waller was born in Jointerville, Texas, on January 19, 1935. Very soon after Charley's arrival, his family moved to Louisiana and there for twelve years he was a genuine, real 'cotton picker.' At the age of ten, he bought a fifteen dollar guitar and from that moment, decided to be an entertainer. Charley figured that pickin' a guitar was better than pickin' cotton.

A few years later, Charley came to Washington, D.C. and joined a band in Baltimore, Md. He worked around Baltimore and Washington for several years then returned to Louisiana in 1956. There, for a year, he appeared on the 'Hay Ride' along with George Jones, Johnny Cash, Jimmy Neuman, Elvis Presley and others, plus a Monday TV show with Johnny Horton.

Charley returned to Washington in 1957 and during that year he met John Duffey and they formed the Country Gentlemen. Since then his singing and guitar playing has made its mark. He is reputed by a vast majority to be one of the greatest 'bluegrass' guitarists in the business.

On January 9, 1960, Charley married Mona Grigsby of Washington, D.C. They now make their home in Falls Church, Va.

Charley sings most of the lead and does the m.c. work.

John Duffey was born March 4, 1934 in Washington, D.C., but lived most of his life in Bethesda, Md. Although an ardent fan of country music, John never played any instrument until the age of seventeen when a neighbor influenced him to learn the guitar. He progressed rapidly until about two years later when he bought a mandolin for ten dollars at the annual post office auction. He set aside the guitar and decided to learn the mandolin, which he has stuck with. John played with several local outfits over numerous radio stations, winning a couple of talent contests but only as an amateur, as music was only a hobby with him.

In mid '57, John swapped fifteen records for a Dobro and learned to play it for his own amusement. At the time he was playing weekeneds with a band on WFMD in Frederick, Md. He took the Dobro along on one of the shows and discovered it to be quite popular with the public and henceforth, it became a part of his music too.

It was not until his meeting with Charley Waller in July '57 that John decided to make music a full time job and enter it professionally. In his relatively short career, he has played and recorded with such artists as Bill Clifton, of whom John speaks very highly.

In December, 1958, John married Marion Cain of Arlington, Va. They have one child, Ginger Marie and they now make their home in Arlington, Va.

Note: A contrasting fact in John's musical career is that his father sang with the Metropolitan Opera Co. for some twenty-five years.

Eddie Adcock was born in June 17, 1938, in Scottsville, Va. He worked on a farm until the age of twelve at

which time he decided to learn the mandolin. He progressed well and began playing and singing for a spiritual show on WCHV in Charlottesville, Va.

A year later, Smokey Graves of WSVS in Crewe, Va., heard Eddie and gave him his first professional job in the entertainment field. He played mandolin with Smokey for a year and then decided to take up the fivestring banjo. This was to be the real starting point in Eddie's musical career.

After working with the five-string for only a year, Mac Wiseman offered him a job. He worked with him until Mac decided to change his style of music. This did not appeal to Eddie in the slightest, so he left and went to Washington, D.C. There he started a band and worked out of WARL in Arlington, Va. He also worked quite a bit on his own in this area, appearing on local TV, etc., but he found the going pretty rough around the big city.

Fortunately, Eddie received a phone call from an acquaintance made through Mac Wiseman. He then proceeded to Nashville, Tennessee, to work with the 'daddy' of bluegrass music, Bill Monroe. He played with Bill on the 'Opry' and cut several records with him. Although things were smooth in Nashville, something was missing, so Eddie returned to Wash. to marry his childhood sweetheart, Mildred Gorham of Alexandria, Va.

After his marriage, Eddie more or less 'retired' from music until June, 1959, when Charley Waller and John Duffey aroused him back into the music business. As a member of The Country Gentlemen, Eddie has had a chance to play his own original style of banjo along with the usual 'conformists' style. His unusual playing will undoubtedly mark a new era in banjo 'pickin."

Eddie sings baritone with the band.

Jim Cox was born April 3, 1930 in Vansant, Va. He was raised on a farm with his four sisters and three brothers in an atmosphere of country music. His whole family was musically inclined and they would often sing and play together.

Jim started out on the banjo in the old time 'claw hammer' style and later on decided to learn the guitar. He played and sang for some time around his home town mostly on a non-professional basis.

At the age of eighteen, Jim enlisted in the Army and was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. There he met a band called The Valley Troubadours and began playing with them. They had a regular radio program, were booking several stage shows and Jim became the featured singer with the band. They went on to gain a TV show in Columbus, Georgia. But, just as his musical career was beginning to brighten, the Korean War broke out and he was transferred to the atomic plant in Hanford, Washington. From there he was sent to Korea where he was wounded and returned to the states.

Jim then came to Alexandria, Va., where he met and married Frances Creel. After his discharge from the service, he decided to take up his music again, only this time, with the bass fiddle.

In the early part of 1958, Jim heard The Country Gentlemen were looking for a bass man and immediately rendered his availability to them. He was hired on the spot and has been with them ever since.

Jim possesses an excellent voice and althought he does very little part singing, he renders many fine solos with the band. This, along with his superb bass playing, has made him a mainstay with The Country Gentlemen.

Jim and Frances have two sons, Jimmie Jr., and Larry. They make their home in Alexandria, Va.

'Roving Gambler'

This comes from the song 'The Journeyman' or 'The Roving Journeyman.' In the song he describes his way of life and particularly his success with the girls. The journeyman has become a gambler, a soldier, even a guerilla of the Civil War. Fairly persistent through all the versions are the lines of the girl's dialogue with her mother.

Roving Gambler:

Bennie & Vallie Cain Adelphi 47
Welby Toomey Gennett 6005
Harkreader & Moore Paramount 3235
(The Gambler's Dying Words)
'Old Time Corn Shuckin' Blue Ridge Corn
Shuckers Vi 20835
Vernon Dalhart Victor
also see Archives of American Folk
Song—Library of Congress

'Roving Gambler'

arr. John Duffey

I am a rovin' gambler, I've gambled all around Whenever I meet with a deck of cards I lay my money down— Lay my money down, lay my money down.

I had not been in 'Frisco many more weeks than three When I met up with a pretty little girl She fell in love with me—Fell in love with me, fell in love with me.

She took me in her parlor, she cooled me with a fan Whispered low in her mother's ear 'I love this gambling man'— Love this gambling man, love this gambling man.

Oh, daughter oh, dear daughter, how can you treat me so
Leave your dear old mother
And with a gambler go—
With a gambler go, with a gambler go.

Oh, mother oh, dear mother, I'll tell you if I can If you ever see me coming back I'll be with the gambling manWith the gambling man, with the gambling man.

I left her in 'Frisco, I wound up in Maine I met up with a gambling man We got in a poker game— Got in a poker game, got in a poker

He put his money in the pot and dealt the cards around I saw him deal from the bottom of the deck
So I shot that gambler down.—
Shot that gambler down, shot that gambler down.

ber for my name
The warden said as he locked the
door
'You've gambled your last game'—
Gambled your last game, gambled
your last game.

Now I'm down in prison, got a num-

'The Little Sparrow'

This song is related to the Scottish 'O Waly, Waly, Gin Love be Bonny,' which was regarded as very old at the beginning of the eighteenth century. It is often called 'Come All You Fair and Tender Ladies' from its opening line. It is distinguished from other songs of a like spirit by the image of the bird and generally, by the likening of love to a fair dawn that turns into bad weather. It is a favorite in the Southern Mts.

Come All You Fair and Tender Ladies: Carter Sisters Col. 47680 see Archives of American Folk Music—Library of Congress.

'The Little Sparrow' arr. John Duffey

Come all ye fair and tender ladies Take warning how you court your men They're like a star on a summer

They're like a star on a summer morning

They first appear and then they're gone.

They'll tell to you some lovely story And they make you think that they love you well

Then away they'll go and court some other And leave you there in grief to dwell.

I wish I was a little sparrow And had wings to fly so high I'd fly away to my false true lover And when he'd ask I would deny.

Love is handsome, love is charming Love is pretty while it's new But love grows cold as love grows older And fades away like morning dew.

'Drifting Too Far'

The theme was suggested by Rev. J.T. Richardson. George W. Sebren claimed to be the owner in 1923. Charles Moody & Stamps-Baxtor Quartet copyrighted an arrangement in 1944.

Drifting Too Far From the Shore: Burchfield Bros. Capitol 40011 Monroe Bros. Bb B6363 The Story of the Lawson Family

'Drifting Too Far' arr. John Duffey

Out on the perilous deep Where dangers silently creep And storms so violently sweep You're drifting too far from the shore.

Today the tempest rolls high And the clouds over-shadow the sky Sure death is hovering nigh You're drifting too far from the shore.

Why meet a terrible fate
Mercies abundantly wait
Turn back before it's too late
You're drifting too far from the shore.

'Weeping Willow'

An instrumental arrangement by John Duffey, the tune taken from the song 'Bury Me Beneath the Willow.'

Weeping Willow/Bury Me Beneath the Weeping Willow:

Monroe Bros. BB7093 Burnett & Rutherford Col. 15113 (143094) Carter Family Vi 21074 also see Archives of American Folk Song—Library of Congress

'Weeping Willow' (Instrumental) arr. John Duffey

'Tomorrow's My Wedding Day' Ain't Going to Work Tomorrow: Carter Sisters Cal 48557 Carter Family M.W. 7019 Wilma Lee & Stoney Cooper Col. 20686 Ellen Smith

'Tomorrow's My Wedding Day' arr. John Duffey

I'm goin' all around this country I'm goin' all around this world I'm goin' all around this country, Lord For the sake of one little girl.

Chorus:

I ain't gonna work tomorrow
I ain't gonna work today
I ain't gonna work tomorrow, Lord
'Cause that is my wedding day.

I love my mom and poppa too I love my mom and poppa too I love my mom and poppa too But I'd leave them both to go with you.

I'm leaving you this lonesome song I'm leaving you this lonesome song I'm leaving you this lonesome song 'Cause I'm gonna be long gone.

'The Story of the Lawson Family'

The precise origin of this song is unknown but the following article taken from 'The New York Times' of Dec. 26 & 27, 1929, gives the facts relevant to this ballad: 'Walnut Cove, No. Carolina, Dec. 25, (AP)-Becoming suddenly insane, a Stokes County farmer today slew his wife and six children and, after having laid them out for burial, went into a patch of woods near his home and killed himself. The body of C.D. Lawson, the father and husband, was found about half a mile from the home with a shotgun wound in his chest.'

'Greensboro, N.C., Dec. 26,
(AP)—The theory that a blow on the head a year ago caused Charles D.
Lawson, a Stokes Co. farmer, to become suddenly insane yesterday and kill his wife and six children was dismissed today. Physicians who removed the brain of the man found no trace of a blow on the head. The examination, however, revealed a low grade degenerative process in the middle of the brain.'

The Story of Charlie Lawson:

Morris Bros. BB7903 The Carolina Buddies Col. 15537 The Little Sparrow

'The Story of the Lawson Family'

It was on last Christmas evening The snow was on the ground At his home in North Carolina The miner he was found.

His name was Charlie Lawson He had a loving wife But they never knew what caused him To take his family's life.

They say he killed his wife at first While the little ones did cry 'Please papa won't you spare our lives For it is so hard to die.'

But the raging man could not be stopped
He would not heed their call
He kept on firing fatal shots
Until he'd killed them all.

They did not carry him to jail No lawyer would he pay They'll have his trial in another land On the final judgment day.

They all were buried in a crowded grave

While the angels watched all above Come home, come home my little ones

To the land of peace and love.

And now farewell kind friends and home

I'll see you here no more But when we meet in another land Our troubles will be o'er.

'Turkey Knob'

An original instrumental by Eddie Adcock named after a spot near his hometown of Scottsville, Va.

'Turkey Knob' (Instrumental) by Eddie Adcock

'Paul & Silas' Red Allen Kentucky 4-591

'Paul and Silas' arr. John Duffey Paul and Silas down in jail, all night long

Paul and Silas down in jail, all night long

Paul and Silas down in jail, all night long

Who shall deliver for me.

That old jail just reeled and rocked, all night long That old jail just reeled and rocked, all night long

That old jail just reeled and rocked, all night long

Who shall deliver for me.

That old jailer he locked the door, all night long

That old jailer he locked the door, all night long

That old jailer he locked the door, all night long

Who shall deliver for me.

Hebrew children in the fiery furnace, all night long

Hebrew children in the fiery furnace, all night long

Hebrew children in the fiery furnace, all night long

Who shall deliver for me.

'Ellen Smith'

This ballad (also called 'Poor Ellen Smith' and 'Poor little Ellen') tells of an occurrence around Mt. Airy, North Carolina, about August, 1893. A man by the name of Peter De Graff was convicted of murdering Ellen Smith by Forsyth Superior Court Judge Winston. When De Graff appealed to the North Carolina Supreme Court, on several technicalities, the verdict of the lower court was affirmed. Chief Justice Shepard alludes to the flight of the prisoner to Roanoke and New Mexico and his subsequent return to North Carolina, and to a letter found in the bosom of the dead woman, alleged to be in the handwriting of the prisoner. De Graff supposedly composed this song while in prison awaiting his execution.

After his execution the feeling was so great both for and against De Graff, that it was considered a misdemeanor to sing the song in a gathering of any size as it always fomented a riot.

Poor Ellen Smith: Molly O'Day & The Cumberland Mtn. Folks Col. 20629 Henry Whitter Ok 40237 (72985a) Kykes Magic City Trio Brunswick Cecil Suratt and Smitty Smith King 5226 Library of Congress

'Ellen Smith'

Poor Ellen Smith, how was she found
Shot throught the heart lying cold on the ground.

Her clothes were all scattered and thrown on the ground The blood marks the spot where poor Ellen was found.

They picked up their rifles and hunted me down
They found me a-loafing all around the town.

They picked up her body and carried it away
And now she is sleeping in some lonesome old grave.

I got a letter yesterday, I read it today The flowers on her grave have all faded away.

Someday I'll go home, and say when I go On poor Ellen's grave, pretty flowers I'll stow.

I've been in this prison for twenty long years Each night I see Ellen through my bitter tears.

The warden just told me that soon I'll be free
To go to her grave 'neath that old willow tree.

My days in this prison are ending at last
I'll never be free from the sins of my

Poor Ellen Smith, how was she found
Shot through the heart lying cold on the ground.

'The Long Black Veil'

An original composition by Wilkins and Dill.

'The Long Black Veil' by Dill and Wilkins

Ten years ago on a cold dark night There was some one killed 'neath the town hall light The people that saw, they all agreed That the slayer who ran looked a lot

The judge said son what is your alibi If you were somewhere else then you won't have to die I spoke not a word though it meant my life For I had been in the arms of my best friend's wife.

The scaffold was high and eternity near
She stood in the crowd and shed not a tear
And sometimes at night when the cold winds moan
In a long black veil, she cries o'er my bones.

She walks these hills in a long black veil She visits my grave when the night winds wail Nobody knows, nobody sees Nobody knows but me.

'Honky Tonk Rag'

An original instrumental by John Duffey.

'Jesse James'

Probably the exploits of no other American bandit are so widely celebrated as those of this Missouri outlaw of the years immediately following the Civil War. After about fifteen vears of successful operations on banks and trains he was shot by one of his own gang, Robert Ford, for the sake of the \$10,000 reward offered by the governor of the state. James was living at the time (1882) in St. Joseph, Misssouri, under the name of Howard. One day, so the story goes, James climbed a stepladder to straighten his wife's picture on the wall and Ford, who was in the house at the time, seized the opportunity to shoot him.

There are several versions of the song and this is an excerpt from the most well-known one.

Jesse James:

George Reneau (The Blind Musician of the Smokey Mtns.) Voc. 14897 B.L. Lunsford Ok 40155 (8578a) Grandpa Jones King 847 Marc Williams (The Cowboy Crooner) Brunswick 269 Whitey & Hogan Cowboy CR1301 Toby Stroud & The Blue Mtn. Boys New Star N-100 see also Archives of American Folk Song—Library of Congress

'Jesse James' arr. by John Duffey

Jesse James was a lad who robbed many a man
He stopped the Glendale train
He took from the rich and he gave to the poor
He'd a heart and a hand and a brain.

Chorus:

Jesse had a wife to mourn all her life Three children they were brave 'Twas that dirty little coward that shot Mr. Howard And laid poor Jesse in his grave.

It was on a Wednesday night when the moon was shining bright That they stopped the Glendale train The people they did say for many miles away It was robbed by Frank and Jesse lames.

It was Robert Ford, that dirty little coward
I wonder how he feels
For he ate of Jesse's bread and he slept in Jesse's bed
Then he laid poor Jesse in his grave.

It was on a Saturday night when Jesse was at home Talking to his family brave Robert Ford came along like a thief in the night And laid poor Jesse in his grave.

'Have Thine Own Way'

This hymn was taken from 'The Modern Hymnal' (pub. 1926) of Fifth Baptist Church, Wash., D.C. It was written about 1900 by George C. Stebbins.

'Have Thine Own Way' arr. John Duffey

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way Thou art the potter, I am the clay.

Mould me and make me after thy will
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way Search me and try me, master, today Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now As in thy presence, humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way Wounded and weary, help me I pray Power—all power—surely is thine Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

'A Good Woman's Love'

An original composition by Cy Cobin.

'Good Woman's Love': Bill Monroe Decca DL8769 The Double Eagle

'A Good Woman's Love' by Cy Cobin

I was a rover on land and on sea 'Til a good woman's love made a new man of me Life had no meaning it was all incomplete 'Til a good woman's love put me back on my feet.

'Stead of roamin' I go home in the evening and she's waiting there And I know that no matter what happens, she'll always care—And when the night falls and the moon shine above I'm a man with a dream and a good woman's love.

'The Double Eagle'

(Under the Double Eagle) This was originally composed as a marching band number by Josef Franz Wagner (1856—1908) in 1903.

Under the Double Eagle:

Kessinger Bros. Brunswick 592 Blue Ridge Highballers Col 15070 Hank Thompson Capitol also see Archives of American Folk Song—Library of Congress

'The Double Eagle' (Instrumental) arr. Charlie Waller

'Darling Alalee'

The song is originally from a pre-Civil War ballad called 'Ella Rhee.' It is, no doubt, from the Negro-minstrel stage, though its history is vague. The chorus is unchanged from the original but the verses in this version are of the post-Civil War era. It is the story of a slave who has run away from his master but longs for his love (Alalee, who is undoubtedly a slave also) and therefore wishes to return.

Sweet Alalee: Blue Sky Boys Bb6854

'Darling Alalee' arr. John Duffey

Sweet Alalee, so dear to me She's gone for ever more My home was down in Tennessee Before the cruel war.

Chorus:

Then carry me back to Tennessee There's where I long to be Among the fields of yellow corn With my darling Alalee.

Oh, why did I from day to day Keep wishing to be free And from my master run away And leave my Alalee.

They said that I would soon be free And happy all the day And if they'll take me back again I'll never run away.

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