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RAMSEY LEWIS / Complete Recordings 1960-62

A decade before Nina Simone's proclamation about being young, gifted and black, if you were young, gifted and black, it still meant you had to listen to the record company, even if that meant you had to record "Little Liza Jane". Of course, that didn't mean you couldn't play it like a mofo. With 8 albums here leading up to the Trio's commercial break through/break out, this is still top of the line pop/jazz that you just knew was going to hit the heights. With their landmark Christmas record leading the way, the rest of the sides follow the usual jazz formats of the day but this bunch had loads of special sauce to douse things in to let you know who was there. Hot stuff from just three cats that could go the distance whatever route they were on. If you've never dug in these crates, the time is more than at hand. Killer piano jazz trio stuff throughout!