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Almost every soul-music fan has heard of labels like Motown, Atlantic, and Stax – powerhouse labels that released vintage soul by names such as Aretha Franklin and The Temptations. While these names became known around the world, there were plenty of other artists who were releasing quality soul music in the late 60s to early 1970s, and beyond. Many of these names may have faded into obscurity, but their output found some unlikely support many thousands of miles away from the U.S.A., courtesy of young British fans who

sought out such soul rarities and hard-to-find classics. With much of the support coming from the North of England, this scene became known as 'Northern Soul.'

This 27-track collection takes listeners back to a soul music heyday, with a focus on music coming out of Nashville – a place more often associated with country than with soul. However, artists like Ann Sexton, Joe Simon, and Roscoe Shelton showed that Nashville could hold its own against spots like Detroit for quality soul music. The strong use of brass, the funky bass lines, and live drumming are very much a product of their time – despite recently finding new-found favor courtesy of names like Amy Winehouse, who incorporated plenty of classic soul twists into her music.

Lyricaly, these tracks seldom move beyond the topic of relationships – whether showing love (Fantastics, 'That One'), or dealing with heart-break (Little Richie's title track). However, while much of today's R&B seems stuck on blame and materialism, these sounds of yesteryear offer a more innocent approach to love. There are so many highlights for fans of vintage soul that it is hard to pick out highlights, although Ted Ford's 'You're Gonna Need Me,' Ann Sexton's 'You've Been Gone Too Long,' Willie Hobbs' 'Til I Get Right,' and the Fantastics' 'Me and You' are certainly worth a special mention.

Packed with rare tracks and archive finds, this collection brings some of the best of Nashville soul to a new generation. With a feel that will recall house-parties of yesteryear, this collection makes a great addition to the collection of any soul music fan.

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