

Ray Charles

FRIENDSHIP

After millions of CDs sold and all the critical acclaim, it might have seemed otherwise but Ray Charles' final album, the posthumously-released, multiple Grammy® Award-winning duets project *Genius Loves Company*, was far from his first foray into the realm of collaborative vocals. When Ray Charles signed with Columbia Records in 1982 it was with the expressed intent of making Country music for the Country music audience. In addition, during the period immediately following the release of *Friendship*, Ray paired up with Columbia label mates Tony Bennett and Billy Joel for the selections that are included as bonus tracks on this reissue of the album.

Friendship is the crowning achievement of this phase of Ray Charles' career.

Original recordings produced by Billy Sherrill, Phil Ramone, Ettore Stratta and Danny Bennett
Reissue produced by Gregg Geller
Mastered by Vic Anesini at Sony Music Studios, New York

1. ***Two Old Cats Like Us*** (2:35)
with Hank Williams Jr.
2. ***This Old Heart***
(Is Gonna Rise Again) (3:04)
with Oak Ridge Boys
3. ***We Didn't See A Thing*** (2:12)
with George Jones and featuring Chet Atkins
4. ***Who Cares*** (2:58)
with Janie Fricke
5. ***Rock And Roll Shoes*** (2:41)
with B.J. Thomas
6. ***Friendship*** (2:41)
with Ricky Skaggs
7. ***It Ain't Gonna Worry My Mind*** (2:54)
with Mickey Gilley
8. ***Little Hotel Room*** (2:59)
with Merle Haggard
9. ***Crazy Old Soldier*** (3:33)
with Johnny Cash
10. ***Seven Spanish Angels*** (3:50)
with Willie Nelson

Bonus Tracks:



11. ***Everybody Has The Blues*** (3:40)
with Tony Bennett
12. ***Baby Grand*** (4:04)
with Billy Joel

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