Try to Remember The Ames Brothers and Ed Ames



The Urick Brothers -- Joe, Gene, Vic, and Eddie -- were born and raised in Malden, Massachusetts -- all four being the children of Ukrainian immigrants. Their parents, David and Sonia, read classical literature with them and taught them to appreciate classical music and opera; in fact, Eddie's full name was Edmund Dantes Urick -- after the Count of Monte Christo. There were actually nine Urick children (five boys and four girls), but only four of them achieved notoriety through their music.

While Eddie was at Boston Latin (High) School, the four Urick brothers formed a singing quartet. They entered contests in the Boston area, winning most of them, and their fame in the area quickly grew. However, Joe Urick had earned a scholarship to UCLA, leaving the other brothers without a "fourth." Cousin Lennie Kaufman filled the void, and the group began to refer to themselves alternately as the Urick Brothers and the Amory Brothers; Amory was Vic's middle name. They toured Army and Navy bases and soon became the talk of Boston -- earning a spot at the famous Fox and Hounds Club. Not long after, Joe returned home from UCLA and rejoined his brothers, saying that they were having too much fun without him!

After a move to New York, the Urick brothers were hired by bandleader Art Mooney. According to an interview with *Goldmine* magazine, Ed said that they introduced themselves by saying, "We're the Urick Brothers," but playwright/entertainer Abe Burroughs said that their real name wouldn't sell records. They tossed out their standby name, "The Amory Brothers." According to Ed, it was Burroughs who suggested that the group's name be shortened; however, issues of *Billboard* reveal that they used the longer form - the Amory Brothers – through 1946 and 1947. Later, though, the Ames Brothers were born!

The Ames Brothers were distinct, musically, in that all four of them were basses or baritones; usually, the lead singer of such a group was a tenor. This gave them a distinctive sound. That sound led them to Majestic Records, where the Amory Brothers served as a backing band for other artists. As "the Four Amory Brothers," they backed Thelma Carpenter on "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" (Majestic 1104), which was released in January, 1947. The group served as her backup on another song, "American Lullaby" (Majestic 7254); both songs may have been recorded in August, 1946. They also backed Lanny Ross on several releases for Majestic, including "The Whiffenpoof Song" (Majestic 1195) and "Winter Song" (Majestic 1196), which came out in January, 1948. The songs with Lanny Ross were later reissued on an LP by Royale Records.

It was probably in October 1946 that the quartet went into the studio for the first time to record a record by themselves. Herb Abramson was the A&R man for National Records that year – about a year before he

left to become co-founder of Atlantic. Apparently, Abramson or owner Al Green was impressed enough with the four Ames Brothers to have them record two singles. National announced the quartet's addition to the National Records stable on December 6, 1946. Their first two-sider, "Caravan" (backed with "There is No Breeze") went nowhere, and their second single failed to emerge. With Abramson's departure and National's future uncertain, the Amory Brothers went elsewhere.

Later in 1947, the boys were at Leeds Publishing Company in search of a song that their mother wanted them to sing. The song was "Should I" – and no, they didn't wind up recording it then. Instead, they got the lyrics and began to sing it – in

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front of Milt Gabler, the owner of Decca Records. Gabler signed them to record a few singles, but sources disagree on the timing. Ed Ames recalled Gabler seeking to sign acts that could and would record without background music; likely he was recalling their move to Coral during the American Federation of Musicians strike. An announcement in *Billboard* magazine indicates that Decca announced the signing of the Amory Brothers in the issue dated December 20, 1947 – just before the ban. The announcement also adds that "Decca is expected to change the name of the group."

On their first single for Decca, they backed Russ Morgan, who belted out a hit version of "I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover" – a song that Art Mooney was also having success with. Both versions were on the charts at the same time, with Mooney's version coming out a few weeks earlier (first chart: January 17th). While Art Mooney's rendition was at #1 (February 14th), the Ames-backed version of the song came out. It stayed at #7 for a few weeks before sliding down the charts.

For Decca the Ames Brothers recorded three more singles, including two with Monica Lewis. Lewis was a star in her own right, both of film and song, having been "discovered" by Benny Goodman. Her records with the Ames Brothers were not fantastic, however, but their highest-charting record together – "Tree in the Meadow" – reached #21 (following the chart-topping success of Margaret Whiting's version of the song).

As the musicians' strike came to an end (in December), Decca opted to keep the fine-sounding brothers. So, the act wound up being the first artist signed to their new label, Coral Records. Meanwhile, the group appeared on Arthur Godfrey's program in the fledgling medium of television, and also went on tour in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and the surrounding areas. Their first single for the new label -- "You, You, You are the One" -- was an adaptation of the German folk song, "Du du liegst mir in Herzen." [Some reports have this song being recorded on November 9th, prior to the end of the strike on December 14th.] When it was released in December, 1948, the song climbed to #23 -- becoming Coral's first hit record.

You'll notice that the Ames Brothers appear to have released a vast number of singles for Coral. Actually, when you see a group of four singles with consecutive catalog numbers, these records were sold together as part of a 78-RPM boxed set (album) and/or a 45-RPM boxed set. Since the "forty-five" was just being introduced by RCA in 1949, the brothers were among the first artists to be regularly issued in that format. In fact, the group's next big hit in early 1950 wound up having a special distinction....

When "Rag Mop" was released, the Ames Brothers acquired the nickname of the "Rag Mop Boys" -- that's how popular the single was. By February 4th, the song was Number One and was inspiring copycat versions. As "Rag Mop" was bumping around the charts (and still in the Top Ten), its B-side ("Sentimental Me") began getting quite a bit of airplay. That song entered the charts on March 11th, later climbing to

#3 as "Rag Mop" moved out. "Rag Mop" would be the last #1 single by any artist to be available (at the time) only in 78 RPM format, and "Sentimental Me" was popular enough on its own that it was rereleased shortly thereafter with a new B-side. Naturally, the single was a million-seller.

The group had fifteen singles for Coral Records that charted on *Billboard's* pop chart. "Can Anyone Explain" (#7 in September, 1950) and "Undecided" (#6 in November, 1951) were the highest-charting, each doing better on other charts than on *Billboard* (#5 and #2, respectively). They were one of the first artists to appear on Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town."

In March 1953, they moved over to RCA, where their first single was a huge success. "You, You" entered the *Billboard* charts on June 20th that year and by August 22nd wound up stuck behind Les Paul's and Mary Ford's version of "Vaya Con Dios." So, while *Billboard* kept it at #2, it spent 31 weeks on the chart, and the other national charts rated it as Number One.

Two months after it left the charts, the brothers struck again with "The Man With the Banjo," which peaked at #7 on May 8, 1954. Their next big hit came later that year with "The Naughty Lady of Shady Lane," about a little girl who steals everyone's hearts. The song reached its peak position of #3 on Christmas day, 1954, which it held for a few weeks. That record was popular in other countries as well, selling over 1,250,000 copies worldwide. For a time in 1955, they hosted the first syndicated television show -- an early situation comedy. Fifteen minutes long, it was broadcast in America and in other countries as well. They also appeared together with Desi and Lucy on Ed Sullivan's program, in a comedy sketch.

By this time, the brothers were having hits regularly. They often appeared on television programs, and as television increased in popularity the Ames Brothers were there. Sources for their hits came from varied sources: "Scotland the Brave" became their hit, "My Bonnie Lassie" (#11); a film song, "Forever Darling" (#35 in March, 1956); "It Only Hurts for a Little While" (#15 in August, 1956); from Doris Day they got "Tammy" (Top Five on another chart in September, 1957); and "Melodie d'Amour" was a French adaptation (Top Five in late 1957). By this time, they were playing at every major club in the United States.

Billboard magazine voted the Ames Brothers the Best Vocal Group of 1958. Just as in 1956 they had charted eight singles, they did the same in 1958. A lot of their records were recorded with RCA's top orchestra leader, Hugo Winterhalter. Although the world was embracing rock and roll, the Ames Brothers maintained their own sweet-sounding success. After their last chart single, "China Doll" (#38 in February, 1960), and a few less-popular records, Ed Ames reports that he went home one evening to hear his own daughter proclaim that "one of the Ames Brothers" was at the door. Ed and the brothers agreed to a mutual breakup, with the others taking a hiatus from recording and Ed deciding to attend acting school.

After graduating from the Herbert Berghof school, Ed landed a part in an off-Broadway production, "The Crucible" (in 1961). This was followed by a Broadway performance in "The Fantasticks," and Ed toured with "Carnival" from December, 1961, to mid-1962. After playing a Native American in the play "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (from November, 1963, to January, 1964), Ed's acting skills landed him the television role of Mingo, the Native American "with a bullwhip" who was educated at Oxford. The program containing such an outrageous character was "Daniel Boone," on which Ed Ames costarred for 72 episodes between 1964 and 1968.

As he stopped touring with live shows, Ed returned to singing up a storm. His brothers had also returned to singing in 1963, but they had no success with Epic Records. Vic even tried a single of his own, but it went nowhere. Ed's musical successes during this period included his own version of "Try to Remember,"

a song from the Fantasticks. "My Cup Runneth Over" (#8 in 1967 and #1 on the Adult Contemporary chart) and "Time, Time" also successful.

The most famous story about Ed Ames concerns his appearance on the Tonight Show on April 29, 1965. When he indicated to Johnny Carson that he had learned how to use a whip and throw tomahawks as a result of portraying Mingo, Johnny brought out an outline of a man and suggested he show the audience

his skills. Ed agreed, and introduced his routine, explaining how to throw it. Then, BOOM! He hit the target in the crotch. Carson, never really losing composure, quipped, "I didn't even know you were Jewish." The appearance became legendary.

In 1968, Ed hit again with "Who Will Answer?"; more of a dialog with the audience than a song, it



advocated social responsibility. Since gold records were not awarded during the early years, Ed's albums, *My Cup Runneth Over* and *Who Will Answer?*, were the only gold records given by the RIAA to any of the Ames Brothers.

Ed did well with "Apologize" and "When the Snow is on the Roses," and his version of "The Impossible Dream" is also memorable, but as Ed began to age, he moved toward other interests. In 1975, he completed a theatre degree at UCLA -- graduating with highest honors. He became active in charitable causes, particularly being aware of the plight of Native Americans and of ecology. He continued to act, appearing in performances of "South Pacific," "Man of La Mancha," "Fiddler on the Roof," and others; his role in 'La Mancha was particularly outstanding. Ed has also appeared as a guest-star on various television shows.

Vic Ames went on to host a local TV program in Arkansas, then became an agent marketing country music. However, he was killed in an automobile accident in 1978. Gene Ames died of cancer in 1997. So, there will be no triumphant Ames Brothers reunion, but Ed Ames lives on with his wife and three children, still making public appearances.

Discography

This discography is as complete as possible. If you have additions or corrections, please let me know. **Decca/Coral Factory Information**

The pressing plant in Richmond, IN, plant started up in 1939 and continued to December, 1957; the plant was idle from 1948 to October, 1949. Richmond used a star (\star) symbol until August, 1952, and then a diamond symbol (\diamond) after that. The diamond was also used on LP's.

Lee Records of Hollywood, CA, began pressing west-coast copies 1946, but the Decca Los Angeles plant opened in 1947 (to 2/13/1954). From 1954 to 1958, west-coast copies were pressed for Decca by RCA Hollywood, with labels from Bert-Co.

The **Gloversville**, NY, plant opened in summer, 1953. They used a quatrefoil (\clubsuit) or plus-like symbol for singles; they used a target (\odot) for LP's. After the closing of the Richmond plant, most singles for the east coast come from Gloversville.

The **Pinckneyville**, IL, plant opened in 1957. They used a filled-in diamond (♦) for singles and for LP's.

The factory symbol represents the B-side (or side two) in most cases.



Label 48 – The first 78 RPM single type has CORAL in tall, thin, sans-serif letters with no record behind the word. This appears on 1948 singles only (60000-60015), although single 60019 (March, 1949) is known with it.

Label 49 – The 78 RPM single has the Coral logo with a disc behind CORAL. There is no trademark wording under the Coral logo. From early 1949 through mid-August, 1949, the labels mark the A and B sides with letters. From August to mid-October, there was no marking on either side to indicate A-or B- status. From October, 1949, to about August, 1952, Richmond used a star ([]) for the B-side. After that, they used a diamond ([]) next to the B-side.

After the advent of the 45 RPM single on August 15, 1950, the corresponding 45 RPM label has no disc behind CORAL.

The earliest copies (49) have the MFD credit under CORAL separated into two segments; later copies have that credit as one continuous line (49a). This may have wound up as a factory variation. Label 49a continued for 45 RPM singles until the end of July, 1951.

Label 51 – All labels have CORAL with a disc behind the "R" in CORAL and Trademark language.

In July, 1951, for 45's and in September, 1951, for 78's, a credit line was added to the labels indicating that the Coral logo is a registered trademark.

Label 55 – Beginning during or after June, 1955, 78 RPM singles have a sunburst at the top of the label. Silver Star Series 78's read "Silver Star Series" where the sunburst is on the regular-series label. Beginning in November, 1954, 45 RPM labels have "CORAL" arcing across the top of the label. Some singles have old labels up through May, 1955. From January to May, 1955, the labels read

"Silver ★ Series." After that time, Silver Star Series labels read "Silver Star Series" under "CORAL." Label 61 – In 1961, the 9- prefix was removed from all commercial 45's.





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Majestic 1104 Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho/Harlem on my Mind February 15, 1947 (by Thelma Carpenter) [Joshua features Four Amory Brothers]



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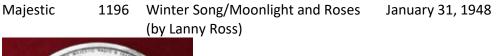
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American Lullaby/I'm Glad There is You July, 1947 (by Thelma Carpenter) [Lullaby features Amory Brothers] Underneath the Clock at the Biltmore/ The Whiffenpoof Song December 27, 1947 (by Lanny Ross)



LANNY ROSS (Stephen Kisley Ork) (Majestic 1195) The Amory Bros.	-			
Underneath the Clock at the Biltmore Pleasant waxing of pleasant tune with New York .hotel lyric tie-in.	72	75	72	70
The Whiffenpoof Song College type vocal. Song well suited for the Ross tonsils.	77	77	79	75





LANNY ROSS (Stephen Kisley Ork-The Amory Brothers) (Majestic 1196)				
Winter Song Ross and Amory Broth- ers render standard vo- cal group tune in cap- able glee club fashion.	70	71	77	62
Moonlight and Roses Tenor's tonsils wander romantically through oldie with nostalgic ork backing.	71	74	78	62

Decca 24319 I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover/ Bye Bye Blackbird January 24, 1948 (by Russ Morgan and his Orchestra)

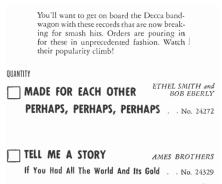
Billboard preferred the B-side.



Decca 24329 Tell Me a Story/ If You Had All the World and its Gold (with the Mary Osborne Trio)

Advance: January 31, 1948





Decca 24411 A Tree in the Meadow (with Monica Lewis)/On the Street of Regret May 8, 1948



MONICA LEWIS-AMES BROTHERS (Mary Osborne Trio) (Decca 24411)				
A Tree in the Meadow Good mating of label's talents to render Billy Reid's new ballad. Lewis gal's Dinah-like piping shines.	85	85	85	85
Ames Brothers On the Street of Regret Sobby oldie receives suit- able tear-jerk harmon- izing by Ames freres over feathery Osborne trio backing.	76	77	73	79

Decca 24447 Where the Apple Blossoms Fall (with Monica Lewis/

If I Live to Be a Hundred (with Monica Lewis) July 3, 1948 *Billboard* preferred the B-side.



MONICA LEWIS- AMES BROTHERS (Decca 24417)		-		and the second
If I Love To Be a Hun- dred Monica does simple, ap- pealing ditty sweetly, a cappella backed. Tune shows signs of coming into favor.	81	79	83	8
Where the Apple Biossoms Fall Sleeper hit gets quiet, sincere treatment from the smooth Lewis pipes, but disk is late.	76	78	73	71

Coral 60015 You, You, You are the One/More Beer! December 18, 1948



AMES BROTHERS	
You, You, You Are the One	81808082
Flavorful barroom rendi- tion of the newly adapted German oldie.	
More Beer	77767680
Pairing makes this a good juke buy.	

Coral 60016 Far Away Places/Lorelei

January 15, 1949





Coral 60017 I'm Just Wild About Harry/Good Fellow Medley January 22, 1949



AMES BROTHERS (Coral 60017) I'm Just Wild About	
Harry Group delivers a spirited effort on the catchy oldie, with snappy old-timey	767578
orking. Cood Fellow Medley "Hall, Hail, the Gang's All, Here," "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." and "Auld Lang Syne" make up this rousing medley of tavern favorites	71717072

Coral 60035 Cruising Down the River/Clancy Lowered the Boom

March 19, 1949



Coral 60036 It Only Happens Once/You Can't Buy Happiness

March 19, 1949





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August 13, 1949

AMES BROTHERS (Coral 60091)	1
Lingering Down the Lane Dry-land successor to "Cruising Down the River" is handled bright- ly and pleasingly by the Ames boys.	84848484
Still Waters and Creen Pastures The boys do another top- grade job with a new and attractive Western ballad.	79797880

Coral 60092 Noah's Ark/Tears of Happiness August 13, 1949



AMES BROTHERS	
Ncah's Ark The splendid quartet proves its versatility by doing an ebullient job with this traditional spiritual.	69706770
Tears of Happiness They do another excel- lent job with this new tune.	72727272

Coral 60113 White Christmas / Winter Wonderland



November 5, 1949

AMES BROTHERS Coral 60113	Winter Wonderland This fine group rarely makes a bad side. Count this etching of a seasonal standard as another	78797777
uksi? -)	effective slicing for the boys. White Christmas Simple reading of the Berlin standard with one of the Ameses contributing an effective solo should sell copies in spite of severe competition.	73747273

Coral 60114 Good Fellow Medley, Part 1/ Good Fellow Medley, Part 2



Coral 60140 Rag Mop/Sentimental Me



74--75--70--78

January 14, 1950

November 5, 1949



60153 Music! Music!/I Love Her, Oh, Oh, Oh February 18, 1950 Coral



AMES BROTHERS (Roy Ross Ork) Coral 60153 Music! Music! Music! 88--88--88--88 **MUSICI MUSICI MUSICI** Full, straight-forward harmony rendition of the hit could be the follow up to the fad's "Rag Mop" click. I Love Her Oh! Oh Oh! Sorightly oldie recently revived on a Lincoin platter is a moderately strong vehicle for the knowing Ames-Ross combination. 81--82--80--82 Ross combination.

60154 Clancy Lowered the Boom!/I Didn't Kiss the Blarney Stone Coral



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ancy Lowered the Boom in novelty that showed some life last year in the mis Day waxing, is delivered with gusto by the hot up. Coupling is strong for St. Patrick's Day. 78--78--77--80 Didn't Kiss the Blarney Stone gy novelty cutting should show life around St. 77--77--75--78 Pat's day.

March 11, 1950

February 18, 1950

60164 (Fifi) Bring Her Out Again/ Coral (Lift Your Glass) Sing Until the Cows Come Home

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60173 Sentimental Me/Blue Prelude Coral

March 18, 1950



Coral 60185 Dormi, Dormi/Marianna



Coral 60209 Hoop-de-Doo/Stars are the Windows of Heaven



Coral 60212 Blue Prelude/Lorelei

April 29, 1950

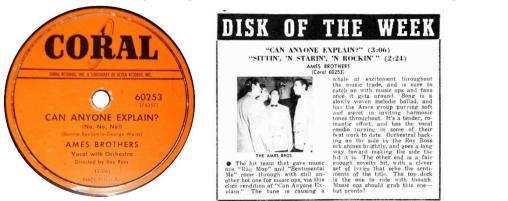
"MARIANNA" (2:27) "DORMI DORMI" (2:48) AMES BROS. (Coral 60185)

• Chorus sing on this top tune is a slow, sweet thing that makes for nice listening. Vocal blending by the Ames Brothers is smooth throughout the side. Flip is a waltz lullaby which the group handles effectively. Both tunes aren't hot enough to warrant any unusual attention.

April 22, 1950

Coral 60253 Can Anyone Explain?/Sittin' n' Starin' 'n Rockin'

July 15, 1950





May 27, 1950

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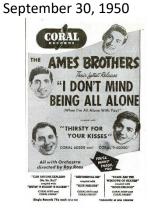
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Coral	9-60267	Twelve Days of Christmas/Wassail Song	December 195	0
Coral	9-60268	Silent Night/Adeste Fideles	December 1950	
Coral	9-60269	Hark, the Herald Angels Sing/It Came U	pon a Midnight Clear	December 1950
Coral	9-60270	God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/O Little	Town of Bethlehem	October 1950

Coral 9-60300 I Do

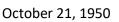
I Don't Mind Being All Alone/Thirsty for Your Kisses





Coral 9-60327 Oh Babe!/To Think You've Chosen Me

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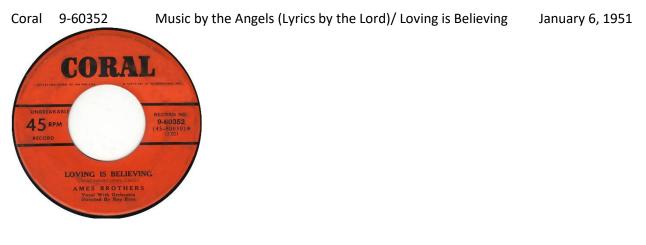
Music by the Angels (Lyrics by the Lord)/ The Thing

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OH BABE! Louis Prima-Milton Kabaki MES BROTHERS Vocal With Orchestra





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Coral	9-60336	In the Evening by the Moonlight/	
		Just a Dream of You, Dear	
Coral	9-60337	Tell Me Your Dream/Till We Meet Again	
Coral	9-60338	Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland/Moonlight Bay	
Coral	9-60339	Because/Love's Old Sweet Song	
Coral	9-60363	More than I Care to Remember/	
		Three Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents February 10, 1951	



The records below comprise the *Sentimental Me* album.

Coral	9-60385	Sentimental Me/ Dormi, Dormi March	1951	
Coral	9-60386	Can Anyone Explain?/Lingering Down th	ne Lane	March 1951
Coral	9-60387	Lorelei/To Think You've Chosen Me	Μ	arch 1951
Coral	9-60388	I Don't Mind Being Alone/		
		Stars are the Windows of Heaven	March 195	51

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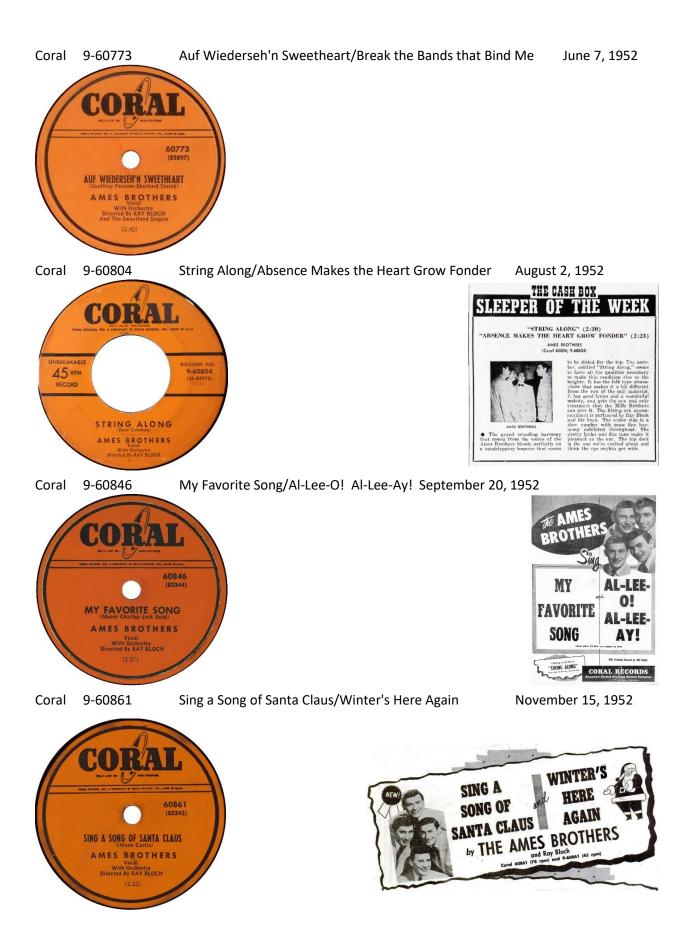
Coral	9-60397	Hoop-de-Doo/Rag Mop	March 1951	
Coral	9-60398	Marianna/		
		(Lift Your Glass) Sing Until the C	ows Come Home	March 1951
Coral	9-60399	More Beer!/Clancy Lowered the	e Boom March	1951
Coral	9-60400	Noah's Ark/Barroom Polka	March 1951	



Coral	9-60510	Sweet Leilani/Hawaiian War Chant	July 28, 1951
Coral	9-60511	My Little Grass Shack in Kealakekua, Ha	awaii/
		And to You, Sweetheart, Aloha	August 1951
Coral	9-60512	Sing Me a Song of the Islands/Song of t	he Islands August 1951
Coral	9-60513	Blue Hawaii/The Moon of Manakoora	August 1951







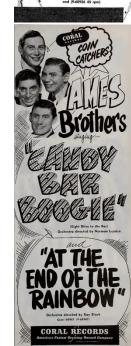


	January 1953	Home on the Range/Wagon Wheels	9-60885	Coral
	January 17, 1953	Rye Whiskey/You Are My Sunshine	9-60886	Coral
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	January 1953	The Last Roundup/Strawberry Roan	9-60888	Coral

February 7, 1953







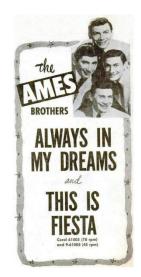
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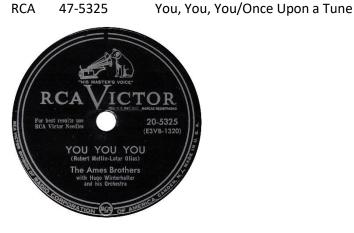
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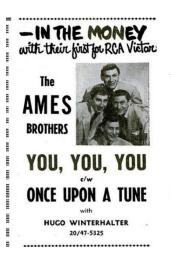




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June 6, 1953



RCA 47-5404 My Love, My Life, My Happiness/If You Want My Heart September 5, 1953







Coral 9-61145 Don't Believe a Word They Say/Don't Lie to Me March 13, 1954 These songs and the B-side of single 61127 are previously-unreleased Decca recordings from December 1947.



RCA E3-VB-2915/D6-CB-6167 The Man With the Banjo/ Tell Me Pretty Maiden (by Vess Ossman) March, 1954 78-RPM release; coinciding with National Banjo Week in March-April.

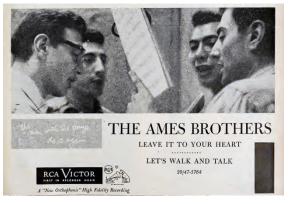


RCA 47-5764

Leave It to Your Heart/Let's Walk and Talk

June 5, 1954





RCA 47-5840

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- Hopelessly/One More Time
- August 28, 1954



47-5897



the greatest record they've ever made!

November 20, 1954



The Naughty Lady of Shady Lane/Addio

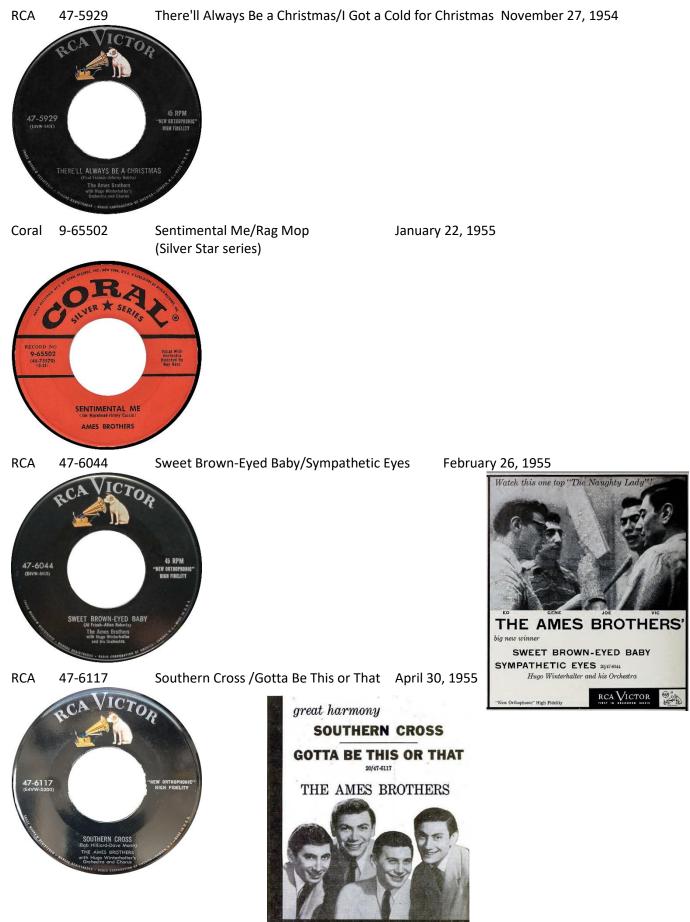
RCA WY-491 There'll Always Be a Christmas/ I Got a Cold for Christmas Available on 78 RPM with picture sleeve as Y-491.





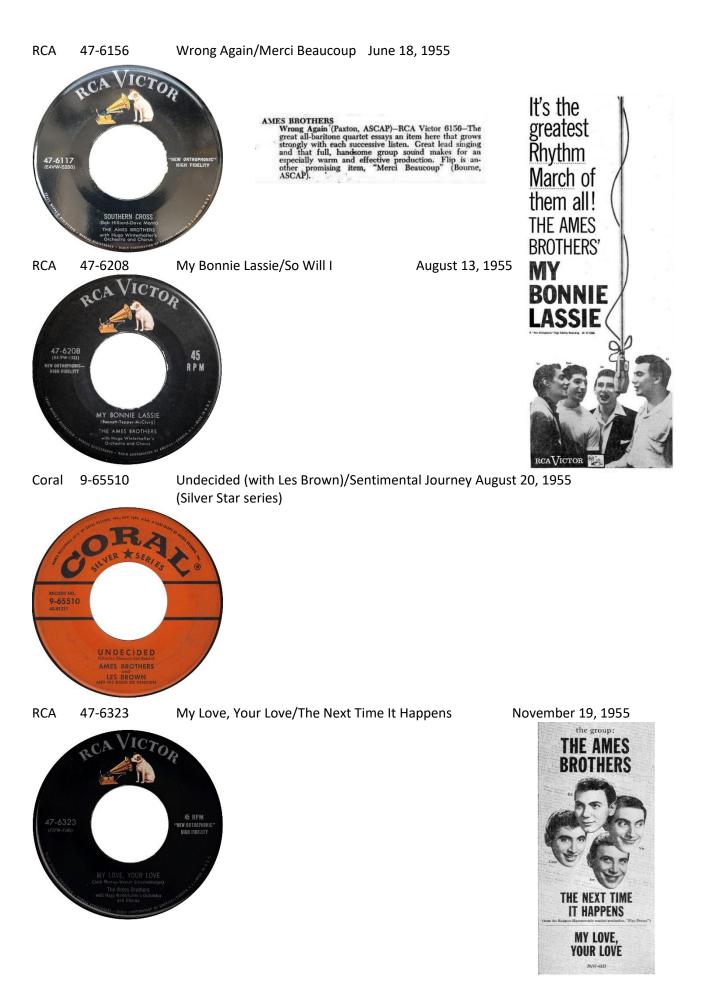
309,748 SOLD IN 10 DAYS THE AMES BROTHERS THE NAUGHTY LADY OF SHADY LANE RCA VICTOR

November 27, 1954



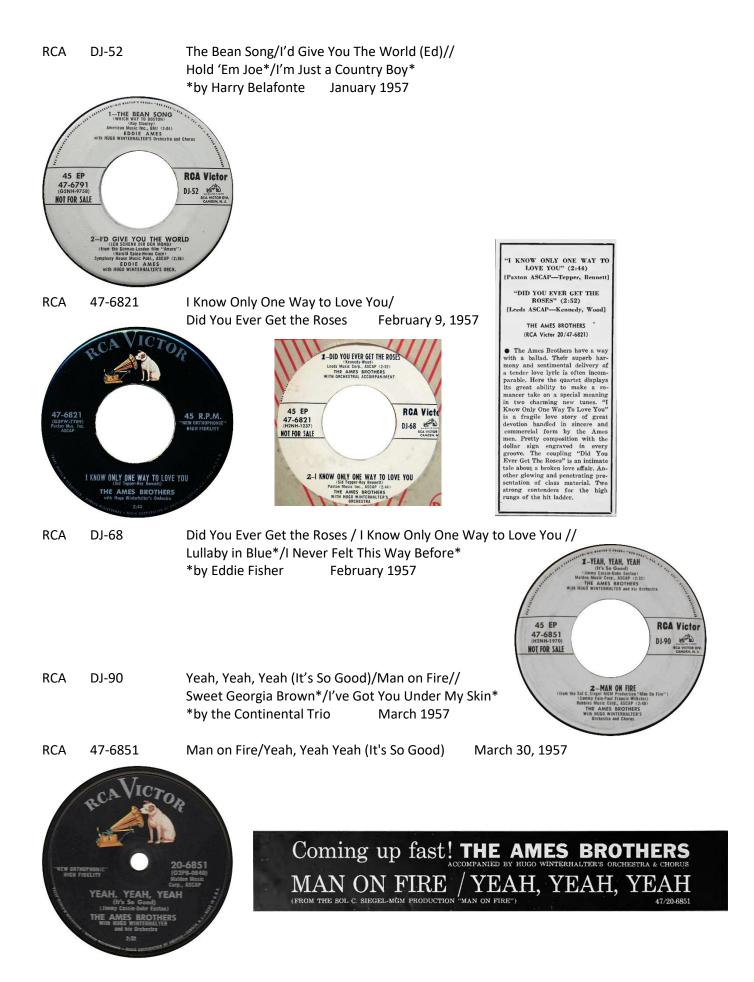
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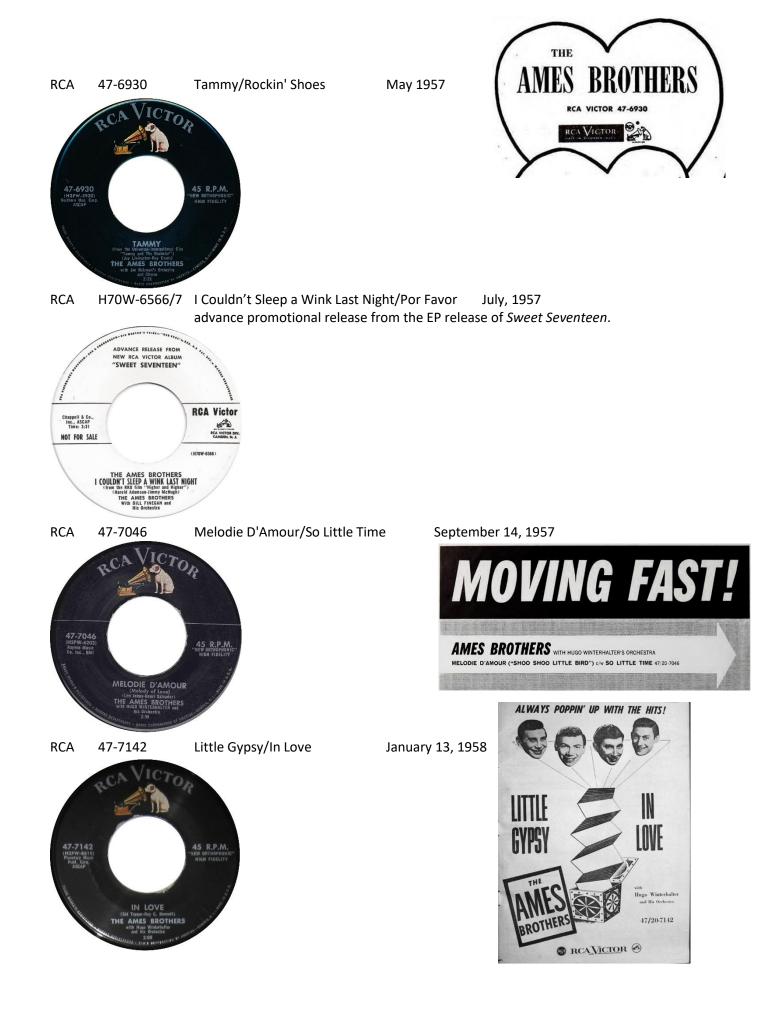
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RCA 47-7315 Pussy Cat/No One But You September 22, 1958





This single was advertised as being available with the 20- prefix, indicating a 78-RPM release; however, no US copies are known at that speed.

RCA 61-7365 It's Only a Paper Moon/I Don't Know Why (stereo only) November 1958

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RCA Victor released singles 7360 through 7370 (except for 7369) in November, in an effort to open up to the new stereo singles craze. Although articles in September indicate that they were planning to release them also in mono, none of them are known to exist in mono.



This is their last single with the "Camden NJ" rim print. THE AMES BROTHERS NOW HEAR THIS (Paxton, ASCAP)—NOW IT'S ME (Winneton, BMI)—The Ames Brothers have likely clicks with their latest tries. "Now Hear This" is a bright, march type ditty with a nautical flavor. "Now It's Me" is a pretty ballad on which they are lushly backed. Either can score. RCA Victor 7563 45 RPN _____ _____ NOW HEAR THIS HE AMES BROTHERS RCA 47-7604 Take Me Along /What Do I Hear? September 28, 1959 THE AMES BROTHERS TAKE ME ALONG (Valyr, ASCAP) — WHAT DO I HEAR (Pincus, ASCAP)—The Ames have strong threats with these attractive offerings. "Take Me Along" is a cute, bright number from the coming show of the same title. Flip, "What Do I Hear," is a pretty ballad that is read with feeling. Watch 'em! RCA Victor 7604 RCA 47-7655 China Doll/Christopher Sunday (+PS) December 7, 1959 RCAVICTOR **AMES BROTHERS** THE AMPS BROTHERS *** China Boll-RCA VICTOR 7655-Relaxed vocal blend work by brothers on a pretty country-flavored item with interesting guitar work in the backing. (Winneton, CHINA DOLL · CHRISTOPHER SUNDAY BMI *** Christopher Sunday-Effective folksy ballad with good lyric is sung with attractive vocal showmanship. (Paxton, ASCAP) RCA 61-7655 China Doll/Christopher Sunday (stereo) December 7, 1959 TOR

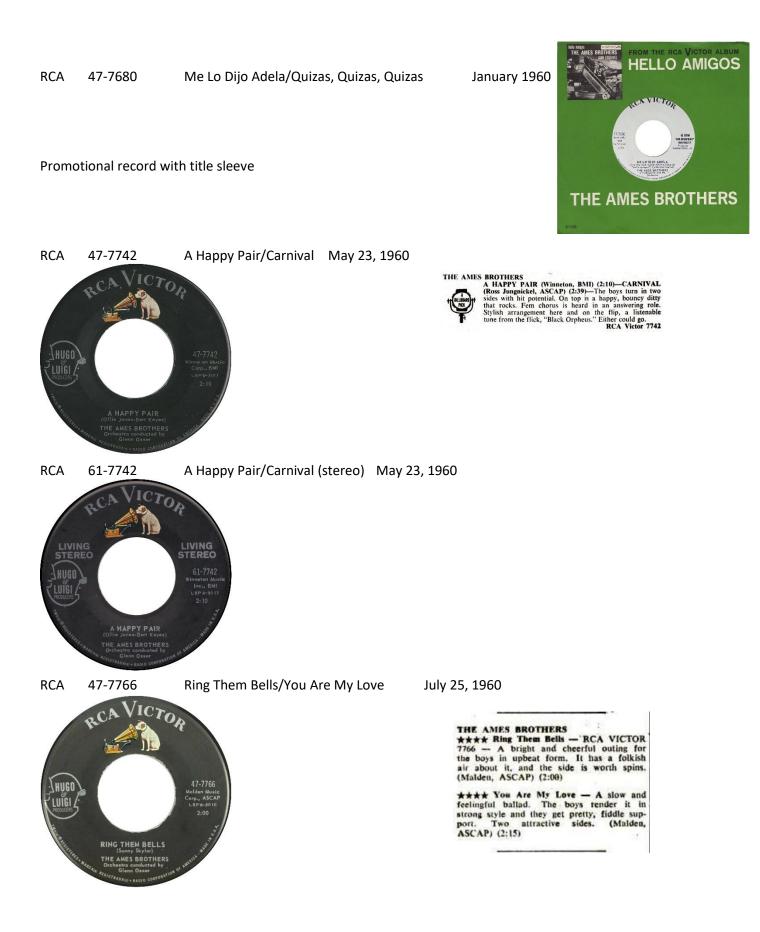
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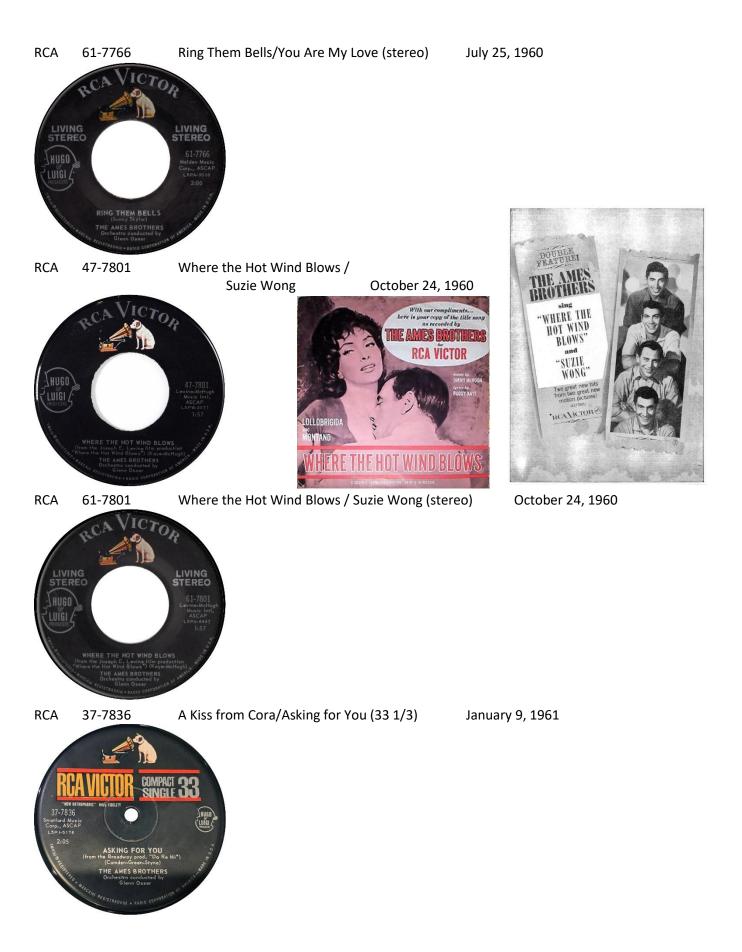
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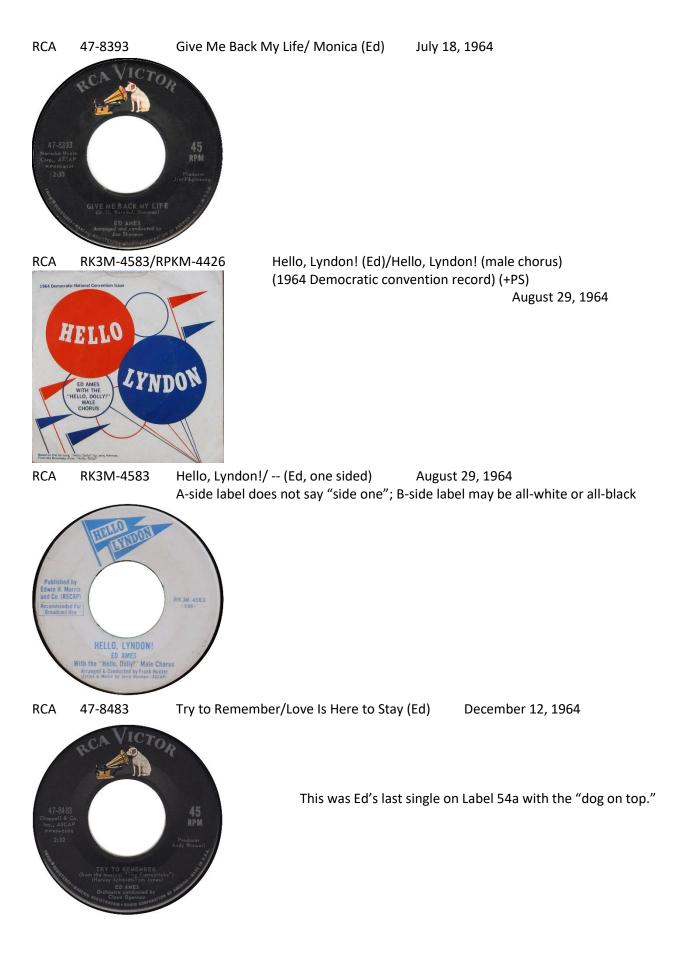
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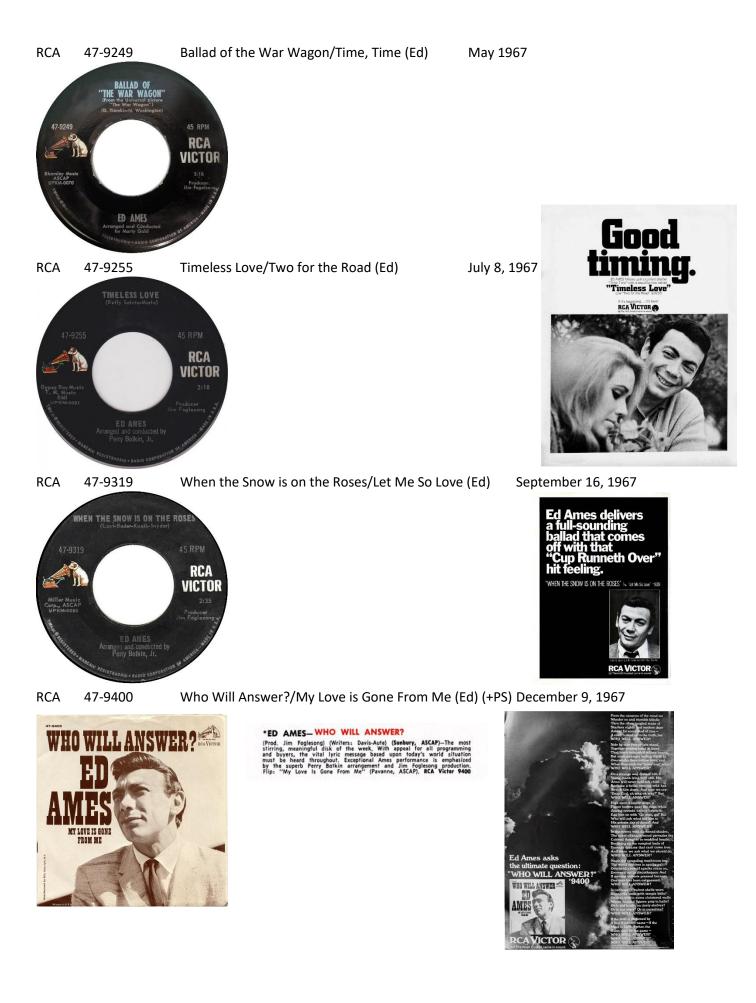






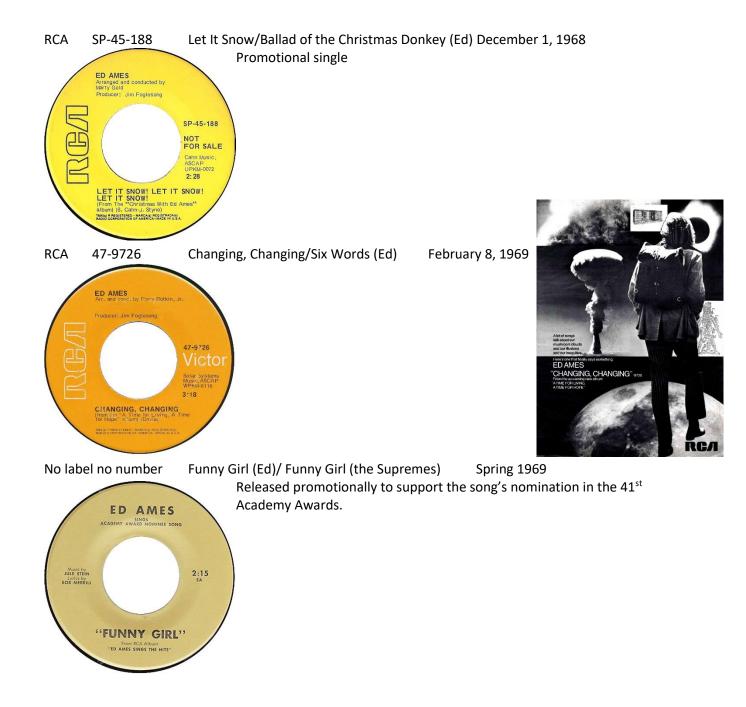








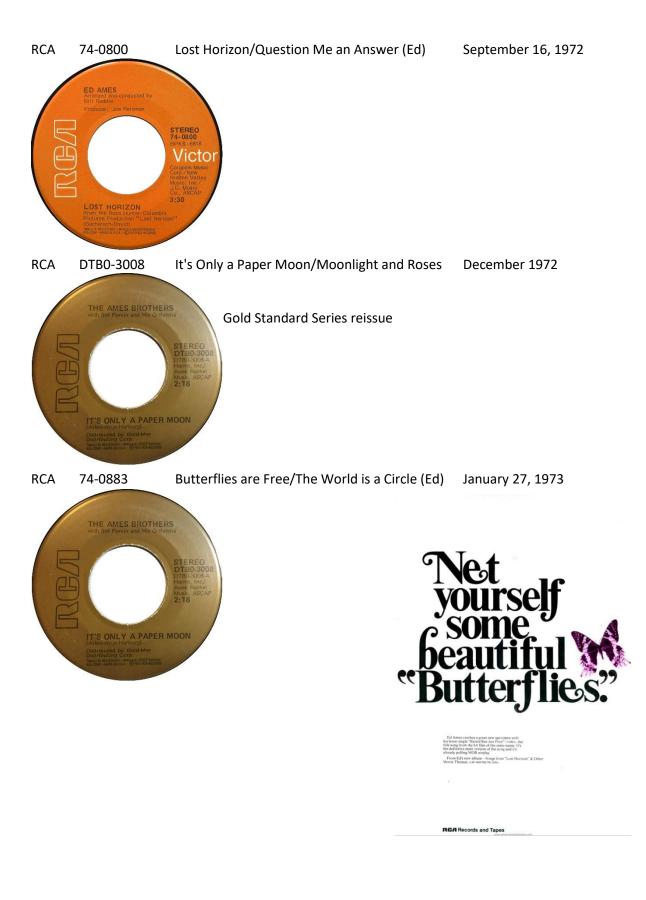
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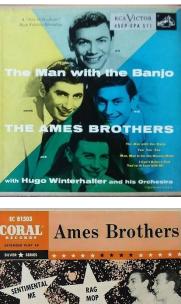
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Coral	EC-81060	Home on the Range	October 1953	
Coral	EC-81100	Favorite Spirituals	November 1953	
Coral	EC-82017	Sing a Song of Christmas	December 1953	CONTRACTOR

AMES BROTHERS

Varsity	/Royale EP-212	Thelma Carpenter & th	e Ames Brother:	s c. 1953/4	
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RCAVICTOR 45EP EPA-680

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EP 212



RCAEPB-1157The Four BrothersFebruary 1956This double EP appears in advertisements, but no copies have sold online.

RCA EPA-790

The Ames Brothers

August 1956

RCA EPB-1228

The Ames Brothers

August 1956





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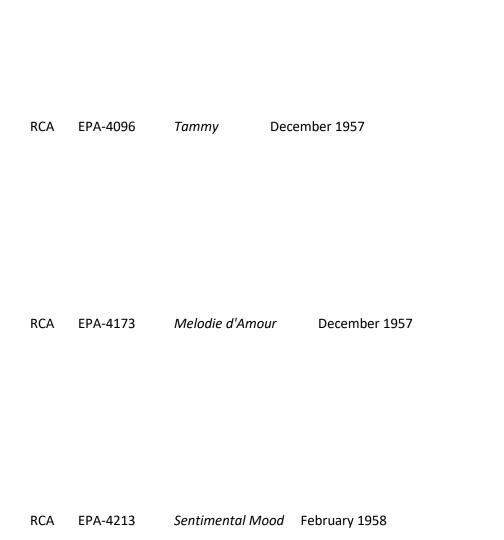


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THE AMES BROTHERS

There'll Always Be a Christmas, Vol. 2 RCA EPA 2-1541 November 1957



There'll Always Be a Christmas, Vol. 3

November 1957



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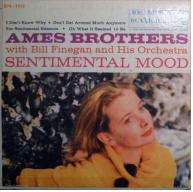
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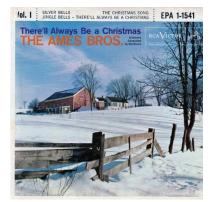
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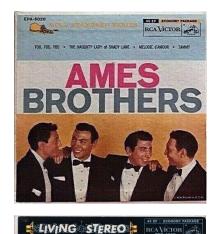












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THE BEST OF THE AMES IN STEREO with Sid Ramin's Occhastra

RCA	ESP-4307	Sweet Seventeen	(stereo)October 1958

The Ames Brothers (You, You, You + 3)

(Gold Standard Series) May 1958

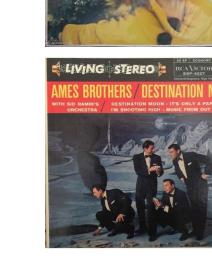
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EPA-5020

RCA	ESP-4320	Best of the Ames in Stereo	October 1958

RCA	ESP-4213	Sentimental Mood (stereo)	November 1958

RCA	ESP-4227	Destination Moon (stereo)	November 1958	







RCA LPC-112

Sing the Best of the Bands (Compact 33)

February 1961



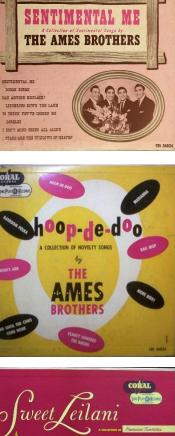
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Coral	CRL-56014	Sing a Song of Christmas (10")	November 1950
Coral	CP-605	(78 RPM boxed set)*	
Coral	9-8000	(45 RPM boxed set)*	
		*contains singles 60267 to 6027	70

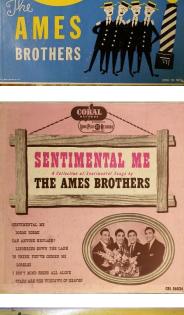
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Coral	CP-604	(78 RPM boxed set)*	
Coral	9-8007	(45 RPM boxed set)*	
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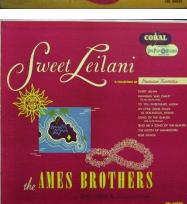
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Coral	9-8018	(45 RPM boxed set)*	
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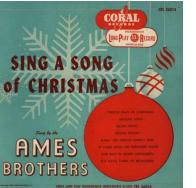
Coral CRL-56025 Hoop-de-Doo (10") April 1951 Coral 9-8019 Hoop-de-Doo (45 RPM boxed set containing singles 60397 to 60400)

Coral CRL-56042 Sweet Leilani (10") August 11, 1951 Coral CP-606 Sweet Leilani (78 RPM boxed set containing singles 60510 to 60513) Coral 9-8041 Sweet Leilani (45 RPM boxed set containing singles 60510 to 60513)









IN THE EVENING BY THE MOONLIGH CORAL

CoralCRL-56050Favorite Spirituals (10")February 1952CoralCP-608(78 RPM boxed set containing singles 60633 to 60636)Coral9-8049(45 RPM boxed set containing singles 60633 to 60636)

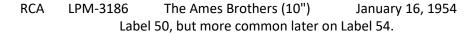
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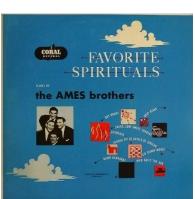


CoralCRL-56080Merry Christmas from the Ames Brothers,
Don Cornell, Eileen Barton, Johnny Desmond (10") November 1952CoralCP-614(78 RPM set)**Coral9-8080(45 RPM boxed set)****contains singles 60859, 60861, 60862, and 60880

Coral CRL-56097

Favorite Songs October 1953



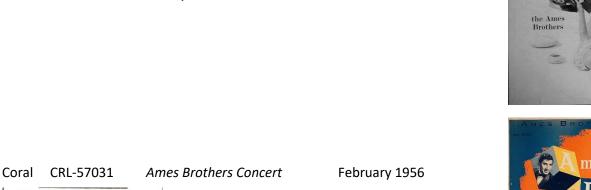












November 1955

AMES BROTHERS CONCERT77 (1-12") Coral CRL 57031 The foursome has put together a representative and most salable assortment of a dozen tunes for this package and no doubt dealers will move plenty of copies. Most of the group's biggest past hits are here, including "Sentimental Me," "Can Anyone Eaplain," "Rag Mop" and "Undecided." Shapes up as an active entry among both retailers and jockeys.

LPM-1142

Exactly Like You

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RCA LPM-1157 *Magic Melting Pot of Melody* September 22, 1956 This album seems to have been conceived for a release in February. Apparently, the corresponding EP never came out, and the LP was delayed.

Love's Old Sweet Songs August 1956

RCA LPM-1228



12 Selections. Long Play (LPM-1228) \$3.98; 45 EP versions: 2-record (EPB-1228) \$2.98, 1record (EPA-790) \$1.49

Coral CRL-57054



Ames Brothers CRL 57054 The Ames Brothers (With Hugo Winterhalter) August 1956



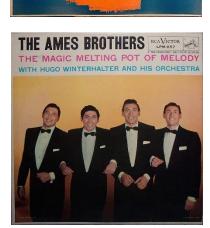




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There'll Always Be a Christmas November 30, 1957

RCA LPM-1859 LSP-1859(e)

Best of the Ames Au rechanneled stereo (1961)

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RCALSP-1680Destination MoonSeptember 27, 1958CPS-132stereo reel to reel tape

VocalionVL-3617The Ames BrothersOctober 27, 1958Until indicated otherwise, all RCA LP's from this point on were issued in mono(LPM- prefix) and stereo (LSP- prefix).

RCA LSP-1855 Smoochin' Time November 24, 1958

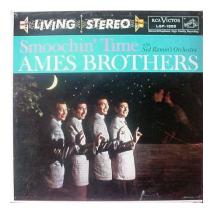
RCA LSP-1954 Sing Famous Hits of Famous Quartets April 18, 1959

RCA LSP-2009

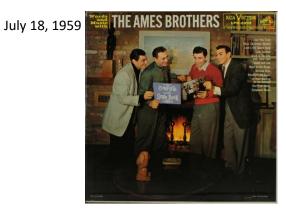
Words and Music With the Ames Brothers

CPS-132 stereo reel to reel tape











Camden

CAL-571

Sweet & Swing August 1960

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**** THE AMES BROTHERS SING THE BEST OF THE BANDS RCA Vicior LPM 2273 — This is an interesting new album by the Ames Brothers that should sell a lot of LPs. The quarter sings the best of the tunes made famous by the bands of the 1930's and 1940's. Sides include "Cherokce," "And the Angele Sing," "On a Slow Boat to China," "Heart and Soul," and "Heart aches." Ork backing by Sid Ramin swings and the boys are in good voice.

RCA PR-110

It's Show Time 1961

Epic	LN-24036	Hello, Italy!	Mono	February 9, 1963
Epic	BN-26036	Hello, Italy!	Stereo	
Epic	EPSP-26036	Epic Special Products		
Epic	CSY-26036	Columbia Special Produ	cts	
Gene, Vic, and Joe Ames recorded two albums without Ed; this was the first.				

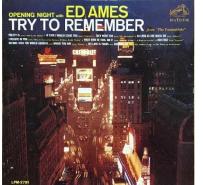
Epic LN-24069 Epic BN-26069 Knees Up, Mother Brown Knees Up, Mother Brown mono November 9, 1963 stereo

> POP SPECIAL MERT KNEES UP! MOTHER BROWN AND OTHER UNNY SONG The Ames Brothers Epic UN 24050 (M); BN 24040 (S) The Ames Brothers Fare Jangshy Spell with a with collecgenerative sector of the sector of the sector and the sector of the sector of the sector of Except My Wife lend ther UT give Goodse, "UT lend You Every Annoly Goodse, "UT lend You Every Kennedy Goodse," State and Her UT give the sector of the sector of the sector Goodse, "UT lend You Every Annoly GT Except My Wife lend ther UT give GT Except My Wife lend ther UT give sector (TT comes Single Back to You, "etc. Oldtime flavor here, well updated by a good Chemitor, Joo Segning, listenskie, accesse-

January 25, 1964

RCALSP-2781Opening Night With Ed Ames (Ed)P8S-1316eight track tape (May 1968)The first cover displays all song titles in rectangles.

The second cover (1965) prominently features "Try to Remember."















RCA	LSP-3636	More I Cannot Wish You (Ed)	October 22, 1966
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Vocalion VL-3788

Christmas Harmony October 29, 1966 A reissue of Coral material

LSP-3774 RCA

My Cup Runneth Over (Ed)

February 4, 1967



The first cover shows the title in blue. The second cover has the title in white, in larger print.



RCA LSP-3834

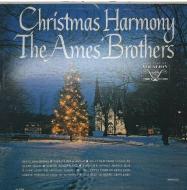


Ed Ames. RCA Victor LPM-3834 (M); LSP-3834 (S)

Time, Time (Ed)

June 17, 1967









RCA LSO-1140 SOUNDTRACK SPECIAL MERIT CRCKETS ON THE HEARTH Yo Soundtrack, ROVigion IOC 1110 (M); ISO 1140 (S) The score for the TV special "Cricket on the Hearth, "has some nices songs and some occert name artists to pull this disk off pumy mod haids to thomas and Abbe Lanen, and some of the songs that warrant post Yu showing spin, are "Dow't Give Your Live Away," "Through My Eyes" and "Fah M" Chipz."	<i>Cricket on the Hearth</i> (Ed) (soundtrack)	December 2, 1967	<text><text></text></text>
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RCA TPS-5041	Try to Remember/ When the Snow is on the Roses	al Rear State	
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LSP-3961 RCA

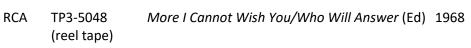
Who Will Answer? (Ed)



Vocalion VL-3818 3818 (eight-track tape) A reissue of Coral material.

Featuring Ed Ames

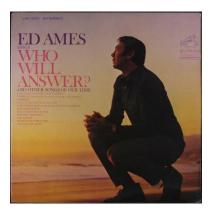
February 1968



From this point on, RCA releases were in stereo only

RCA	LSP-4028	Sings Apologize (Ed)	July 27, 1968
	Ads list this LP as being available in mono.		
RCA	TPS-5058	It's a Man's World/Sings	s Apologize (Ed) (reel tape)

RCA LSP-4079 Sings the Hits of Broadway and Hollywood (Ed) October 12, 1968











RCA	LSP-4128	A Time for Living, a Time for Hope (Ed)	March 22, 1969
RCA	TP3-1006	(reel tape)	

RCA	LSP-4172	The Windmills of Your Mind (Ed)	June 14, 1969

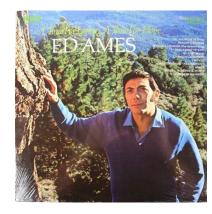
RCA	LSP-4184	The Best of Ed Ames (Ed)	September 13, 1969
RCA	TP3-1034	(reel tape)	
RCA	PQ8-1476	(quad eight track)	

RCA LSP-4249 Love of the Common People (Ed)

December 6, 1969











RCA LSP-4381



FOP D AMES-SCA Areas has weaped up another solid SCA Victor Victor 4001 (5). Ed Ames has weaped up another solid into his own vocal mode and they take an a new and fresh effective manifestim. He's pot a starting version of "Brödge Over anity and the solid and they take and a new and fresh effective manifestim. He's pot a starting version of "Brödge Over Solid on any keed" and a canonic Theo Different Worlds," which are a sempling the version tripts ha handles so well

RCA VPS-6023

This Is Ed Ames (Ed)

August 22, 1970



THIS IS ED AMES-RCA Victor VPS 6023 (5) This two-LP set is rich with some of Ed Ames metry memorable performances and urus include "Wy Cog Amente Durch", "Whe Will Answer" and his touching version of "Try to Amente-", "These and the other "Try to Amente-", "These and the other "Try to Amente-", "These and the other try to a contemporary music done in the distinctive Ed Ames style.

LSP-4385

Christmas is the Warmest Time of Year (Ed) November 14, 1970



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RCA LSP-4453

Sings Songs of Bacharach and David (Ed) January 16, 1971













LSP-4634 RCA



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CAS-2536

Ed Ames (Ed) March 11, 1972

RCA	LSP-4683	Remembers Jim Reeves (Ed)	June 3, 1972

RCA LSP-4808



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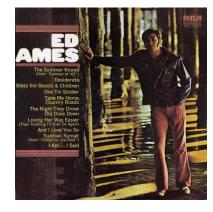
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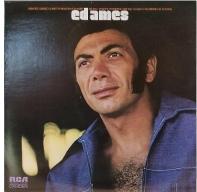
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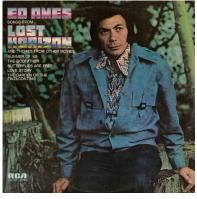
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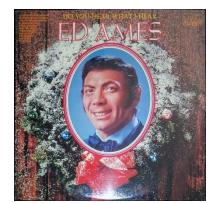


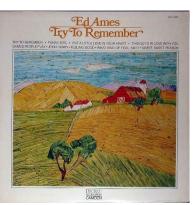






Do You Hear What I Hear? (Ed) 1973 Camden ACL1-0244 (reissue of LSP-3838)











Camden ACL1-0467

Try to Remember (Ed) 1974 (later reissued on the Pickwick label)

RCA Best of the Ames (reissue of LSP-1859) 1975 ANL1-1095 ANS1-1095 (eight-track tape)

ANL1-1780 Pure Gold (Ed) 1976 RCA

Camden DVL2-0207 All Their Greatest Hits 1976 (eight-track tape) DVS2-0207 DVK2-0207 (cassette)

RCA ANL1-2891 *The Impossible Dream* (Ed) 1978 A reissue of *More I Cannot Wish You* (LSP-3636)

MCA MCA-1510 The Ames Brothers (Collectibles Series) 1982

RCA DML2-0996 *You! You! You!* 1991 DMC2-0996 (compact disc)

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TV's Muscle Men

A

² lesson: Ames Brothers (from left, Joe, Ed, Gene and Vic) heed Jonathan Lucas

Four Ex-Athletes Are Among Nation's Most Popular Quartets

The Ames Brothers-Ed, Vin, Gene and Joo-are four big, hair manded ex-athlets, who can also sing pretty well. Well enough, Wyway, to become just about the most popular male quarter in the land. The brothers' workly 15-minute TV show is seen on 205 stallows fin letters-mark 20,00,000 project, who such them a workly 40-word fin letters-mark 40,000.000 project, who such them a workly 40-word



