



The Bee Gees - Radio Sessions 1967

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The studio recordings that the Bee Gees made specially for UK radio in the late 60s are a complete treasure trove, not only to fans of the group, but to fans of 1960s Pop in general. The BBC were party to an agreement with the Musicians Union, which limited radio stations to playing maximum six hours per day of records on air. In order to play more pop, the company scheduled live radio sessions so the Beatles, the Stones, the Who, the Kinks, the Animals, all had to record exclusive radio-only versions of their early songs to get their music across to radio listeners in Britain.

And 50 years on, we are proud to present the songs the young Bee Gees recorded for the BBC. What you'll hear is the group playing as a five-piece (rhythm guitar, bass and occasionally organ, with Vince Melouney on lead guitar and Colin Peterson on drums). Without added string players, they pretty much sound like a 1960s beat group, heavily influenced by the Beatles, the Byrds, the Zombies and Stax Soul.

To introduce the then-unknown group to radio listeners, presenter Brian Matthews felt obliged to remark that the Gibb Brothers wrote all their own songs. The sparse and intimate performances that can be heard on this LP prove the maturity of the Gibb Brothers as musicians and tunesmiths (Barry 'Gibbs' was only 19, his twin brothers Robin & Maurice just 17).

LISTEN AND ENJOY!

1. New York Mining Disaster 1941 (BBC Radio April 1967)
2. In My Own Time (1) (BBC Radio April 1967)
3. One Minute Woman (BBC Radio April 1967)
4. Cucumber Castle (1) (BBC Radio April 1967)
5. High Hopes [with The Gnomes of Zurich] (BBC Radio April 1967)
6. 01 Interview (BBC Radio April 1967)
7. I Can't See Nobody (BBC Radio June 1967)
8. To Love Somebody (BBC Radio June 1967)
9. Holiday (BBC Radio June 1967)
10. 02 Interview (BBC Radio June 1967)
11. Massachusetts (BBC Radio August 1967)
12. In My Own Time (2) (BBC Radio August 1967)
13. Mrs. Gillespie's Refrigerator (BBC Radio August 1967)
14. I Close My Eyes (BBC Radio August 1967)
15. 03 Interview (BBC Radio August 1967)
16. Cucumber Castle (2) (BBC Radio November 1967)
17. World (BBC Radio November 1967)
18. 04 Interview (BBC Radio November 1967)

19. Words (1) (BBC Radio January 1968)
20. With The Sun In My Eyes (BBC Radio January 1968)
21. The Earnest Of Being George (BBC Radio January 1968)
22. 05 Interview (BBC Radio January 1968)
23. Birdie Told Me (BBC Radio March 1968)
24. And The Sun Will Shine (BBC Radio March 1968)
25. Words (2) (BBC Radio March 1968)
26. The Singer Sang His Song (BBC Radio March 1968)
27. Jumbo (BBC Radio March 1968)
28. 06 Interview (BBC Radio March 1968)
29. Tomorrow Tomorrow (BBC Radio 1969)
30. 07 Interview (BBC Radio 1969)
31. Don't Forget To Remember (BBC Radio 1969)
32. 08 Interview (BBC Radio 1969)

Personnel:

Barry Gibb vocals, rhythm guitar

Robin Gibb vocals

Maurice Gibb vocals, bass, keyboards

Vince Melouney lead guitar

Colin Peterson drums