

# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



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Artist **Connie Smith**  
Title **The Latest Shade of Blue**  
**The Columbia Recordings 1973-1976**  
Label Bear Family Productions  
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**Limited and numbered edition of 1000 copies! 4-CD box set (LP size) with 96-page hardcover book, 96 audio tracks. Playing time 4 hrs 23 min.**

- Bear Family Records® proudly announces the release of the third and final CD box set in our retrospective of Connie Smith's RCA and Columbia recordings.
- Includes all of the tracks from the second chapter in Connie Smith's epochal recording career as she moved to the Columbia Records label from RCA Victor in 1973 - and the first reissue of the majority of them.
- Classic, infectious 1970s honky tonk singles such as *Just One Time*, *Ain't Love A Good Thing*, her own co-write *You've Got Me Right Where You Want Me* and her hit takes on the Everly Brothers' *(Till) I Kissed You* and *So Sad*.
- Dozens of out-of-print and long hard-to-find recordings, including her unforgettable Christmas album 'Joy to the World,' shaped by her own arrangements of sacred holiday songs, and the singular, history-making 'Connie Smith Sings Hank Williams Gospel.'
- Connie Smith's riveting interpretations of prime era country songs from the pens of Dallas Frazier, Don Gibson, Bill Anderson, Doug Kershaw, Tom T. Hall, Lefty Frizzell, Harlan Howard, Eddie Raven and Jessi Colter.
- Connie's deep grounding in country gospel music applied to introduction of new songs in the genre by Kris Kristofferson, Dolly Parton, Porter Wagoner, Larry Gatlin and Dottie Rambo, in addition to that full album of eleven Hank Williams gospel songs.
- New exploration of the steel guitar foregrounding "Connie Smith sound" as she performs virtual vocal-guitar duets with steel heroes Weldon Myrick, Lloyd Green, John Hughey, Jimmy Day, Buddy Emmons and Hal Rugg.
- Detailed stories of Connie Smith's close work with Columbia producers Ray Baker and George Richey, as they arrived at the song choices and up-to-date, yet traditionalist sounds that brought her through the pop-centric John Denver-Olivia Newton John country era with her core classic country attack intact. Based on extensive new interviews with Connie herself and with producer Baker by the book's author, Barry Mazor.

'Connie Smith- The Latest Shade of Blue' is the third in Bear Family's chronicle of one of country music's most masterful vocalists in the years that cemented her reputation and renown, following on the two sets covering her previous years at RCA Victor, 'Born to Sing' (1964-1967) - BCD16368 - and 'Just For What I Am' (1968-1972) - BCD16814.

The accompanying 96-page book includes dozens of previously unpublished photos, a detailed discography, session-by-session discussion of the making of the records, and an overview of Connie Smith's life as she balanced session scheduling and Grand Ole Opry and touring performances while being, by this time, an actively involved, dedicated

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mother of five children. Introduction by Connie's husband and musical collaborator Marty Stuart, who has now joined her as an inducted member of the Country Music Hall of Fame.

## TRACKLISTING:

### CD 1

Pass Me By (If You're Only Passing Through)    Never Love Again    Ain't Love A Good Thing    When You Hurt Me  
More Than I Love You    Love Held On To Me    A Picture Of Me (Without You)    Let's All Go Down To The River  
Too Soon To Know    You've Got Me (Right Where You Want Me)    In The House Where Love Shines    Soul Song  
Jesus    Remind Me Dear Lord    Why Me    The Wonders You Perform    The Golden Street Of Glory  
When I Sing For Him    God Is Abundant    Help Me    The Well Of His Mercy    The Baptism Of Jesse Taylor  
You Can Move That Mountain    At The Foot Of The Cross    He Did It All For Me

### CD 2

I Still Feel The Same About You    Be All Right In Arkansas    Did We Have To Come This Far (To Say Goodbye)  
Tie A Yellow Ribbon Round The Ole Oak Tree    We're Gonna Hold On    My Uncle Abel    Teddy Bear Song  
Thanks A Lot For Trying Anyway    That's The Way Love Goes    Dallas    Never Having You    Letting Go  
Sunshine Blue    The Key's In The Mailbox    I'll Still Be Missing You    Them Ole Rainy Lovesick Songs (Are Hittin'  
Home)    I Never Knew (What That Song Meant Before)    Is This All You Hear (When A Heart Breaks)  
I Just Had You On My Mind    I Wish We'd All Been Ready    Because Of Yesterday    I've Got My Baby On My  
Mind    Searching (For Someone Like You)    Back In The Country    I Got A Lot Of Hurtin' Done Today  
Loving You (Has Changed My Whole Life)

### CD 3

A House of Gold    I'm Gonna Sing    How Can You Refuse Him Now    I Saw The Light    Are You Walking And  
A-Talking For the Lord    When The Book Of Life Is Read    Jesus Is Calling    Jesus Died For Me    Calling You  
A Home In Heaven    Jesus Remembered Me    Why Don't You Love Me    Ain't It Good To Be In Love Again  
You'll See Jesus    Praying Hands    One Little Reason    Because I Love You That's Why    Viva La Love  
Nothing In This World    The Song We Fell In Love To    ('Till) I Kissed You    Jesus Hears, He Cares, He Can  
Once A Day    Ridin' On A Rainbow    When I Need Jesus, He's There

### CD 4

I Don't Wanna Talk It Over Anymore    Storms Never Last    You Crossed My Mind A Thousand Times Today  
Love Don't Care (Where It Grows)    Constantly    I Wonder If The Angels Could Use Another Singer  
I'm In The Middle Of A Losin' Streak    Come On Down    The Latest Shade Of Blue    So Sad (To Watch A Good  
Love Go Bad)    I'm All Wrapped Up In You    Go Tell It On The Mountain    O Come All Ye Faithful  
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks    Away In A Manger / Silent Night    Sweet Little Jesus Boy  
Little Drummer Boy    O Holy Night    The First Noel    What Child Is This    Joy To The World

## ALSO AVAILABLE:

### Connie Smith: Born To Sing

BCD16368 DI  
4-CD box set (LP-size) with 56-page book  
EAN: 4000127163684



### Connie Smith: Just For What I Am

BCD16814 EK  
5-CD box set (LP-size) with 76-page  
hardcover book  
EAN: 4000127168146



### Dolly Parton & Porter Wagoner: Just Between You And Me

BCD16889 FK  
6-CD box set (LP-size) with 80-page  
hardcover book  
EAN: 5397102168895



### Marty Stuart: Tempted

BAF18024 BAF  
180g vinyl LP  
EAN: 5397102180248



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**Marty Stuart:  
Hillbilly Rock**

BAF18019 BAF  
180g vinyl LP  
EAN: 5397102180194

