

Johnny Ace – Memorial Album (1955)

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1 *Pledging My Love* 2 *Don't You Know* 3 *Never Let You Go* 4 *So Lonely*

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5 *I'm Crazy Baby* 6 *My Song* 7 *Saving My Love For You* 8 *The Clock* 9 *How Can You Be So Mean* 10 *Still Love You So* 11 *Cross My Heart* 12 *Anymore* 13 *No Money* 14 *Ace's Wild* 15 *Follow The Rule* 16 *Yes Baby (w. Big Mama Thornton)*

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17 *Angel* 18 *Burley Cutie* 19 *Please Forgive Me* 20 *You Been Gone Too Long*

Johnny Ace – vocal Backing Bands - Johnny Otis' Orchestra; Johnny Board & Orch.; The Beale Streeters.

In the weeks and months following Johnny Ace's [aka John Marshall Alexander Jr.] tragic passing on Christmas Eve 1954, demand for his songs was at an all-time high. The resulting "Memorial Album" (1955) gathered a baker's dozen of Ace's most memorable selections, documented between the spring of 1952 and the summer of 1954. There are no unissued numbers on the disc, as each of the tracks had previously surfaced on a variety of 78s. However concurrent audiences no doubt saw this as an opportunity to obtain any of the platters they may have previously missed. Moreover, the exclusion of the prominent Top Ten R&B singles "Cross My Heart" and "Saving My Love for You" suggests "Memorial Album" was not conceived as a sort of comprehensive anthology. Ace (piano) originally formed his Beale Streeters along with fellow ex-B.B. King sidemen Earl Forest (drums) and Adolph "Billy" Duncan (sax).

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