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CD1: 01 – *You Sexy Thing* 02 – *So You Win Again* 03 – *Emma* 04 – *No Doubt About It* 05 – *Brother Louie* 06 – *A Child's Prayer* 07 – *You Could've Been A Lady* 08 – *Cheri Baby*

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09 – *Disco Queen* 10 – *I'll Put You Together Again* 11 – *Every 1's A Winner* 12 – *Don't Stop It Now* 13 – *You'll Always Be A Friend* 14 – *Man To Man* 15 – *Mindless Boogie* 16 – *Heaven Is In The Back Seat Of My Cadillac* 17 – *Rumours* 18 – *Love Is Life* 19 – *I Believe (In Love)*

CD2:

01 – *It Started With A Kiss* 02 – *Girl Crazy* 03 – *What Kinda Boy You Looking For (Girl)* 04 – *Chances* 05 – *Love Me To Sleep* 06 – *Are You Getting Enough Of What Makes You Happy* 07 – *You'll Never Be So Wrong* 08 – *I Gave You My Heart (Didn't I)* 09 – *Tears On The Telephone* 10 – *Emotion Explosion* 11 – *You're A Natural High* 12 – *Makin' Music* 13 – *Gotta Give Up Your Love* 14 – *Changing World* 15 – *Mary-Anne* 16 – *Losing You*

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17 – *Blue Night* 18 – *Heartache No. 9* 19 – *Put Your Love In Me*

Band personnel Current lineup: Ninja Tom - drummer. Patrick Olive - percussionist / took over bass duties in 1975. Harvey Hinsley - guitarist. Steve Beast -keyboards/guitarist. Andy Smith - keyboards. Kennie Simon - vocalist. Former members: Errol Brown - vocalist / songwriter. Larry Ferguson - keyboards. Tony Wilson - co-producer, songwriter (up to 1975). Brian Satterwhite - - vocalist / bassist (from 1973-?). Ian King - drums (1970–1973) Greg Bannis - vocalist. FiL Straughan - vocalist.

2012 two CD collection from the British R&B band. Led by charismatic singer/songwriter, Errol Brown, Hot Chocolate are without doubt one of the UK's most successful and popular singles bands. The hits started in 1970 and continued right up until 1984 in a remarkable 14 year run that witnessed the chart-topping `So You Win Again,' and such memorable songs as `You Sexy Thing' (which was a Top 10 smash in three separate decades), `Disco Queen,' `Emma,' `No Doubt About It' and `Every 1's A Winner.' This stunning 41-track retrospective features 29 chart hits, including 12 Top 10s. Music Club Deluxe. ---Editorial Reviews

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Beginning their career as The Hot Chocolate Band, this R&B, soul, and funk outfit created a reggae version of the John Lennon song, "Give Peace A Chance ... which John apparently loved, as they were instantly signed to Apple Records, and changed their name to simply, Hot Chocolate. While it was the disco era that firmly established this band from the U.K., who charted every year during the 1970's, a feat that was unheard of, unless you were Elvis Presley or Diana Ross, many of their songs would set the world on fire had they been released today.

This was a serious minded racially integrated group, bringing a U.K. perspective to the table and inspiring the likes of Prince, who's managed to keep the funky soul scene alive due to Hot Chocolate's ambitious career and musical skill. While Hot Chocolate had a variety of sounds, what held this band together, and spurred them on, was the vocal talent of their Jamaican born frontman and songwriter Errol Brown, who created sensational melodies and very danceable rhythms.

Hot Chocolate was not the Temptations, nor were they James Brown ... they were more of a cohesive rock unit, in the mold of The Doobie Brothers, mixed with a bit of K.C. & The Sunshine Band. Perhaps, and this is my opinion only [having seen Hot Chocolate live], I wish that they could have stretched out the instrumentals a bit, and allowed more soaring solo work, as Sly & The Family Stone had done.

Regardless, Hot Chocolate created a number of masterpieces that will exist for all time. Take the song "You Could've Been A Lady," created and released in two versions, one sounding for all the world like a southern rock classic, and the other, pure funk, due only to the manifestation of an incredible bass line. Yes, most American's will only know Hot Chocolate for their song "You Sexy Thing," which while very good, and very danceable, could not hold a candle to tracks such as "Blue Night," "Mary Anne," "Emma," and "Every 1's A Winner."

By no means am I suggesting that you're gonna dig all of their work, but here on their compilation discs, you're gonna come face to face with a pocketful of tunes that will brighten your day and put a groovy stride in your step. ---Jenell Kesler, discogs.com

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