

MERLE HAGGARD

BIG CITY

Big City/ My favourite memory/ Good old American guest/ I think I'm gonna live for ever/ This song is mine/ Stop the world(and let me off)/ Are the good times really over(I wish a buck was still silver)/ Texas Fiddle song/ You don't have very far to go / I always get lucky with you.

( Epic EPC 85303 ).

A new record label, and a co-production with Lewis Talley, Merle's dried out from his sojourn in <sup>the</sup> bar rooms.

Haggard has had a hand in penning eight of the ten tracks here, the exceptions being, 'Texas Fiddle ~~song~~', partly written by his wife, Leona Williams and, 'Stop the world(and let me off)' by Stevenson and Below.

Compromise has never been one of Haggards strong points and this album is indelibly stamped with his personality. Suffice to say,, a couple of years back I walked out in the middle of one of his performances ( Sacrilege I hear some of you cry ). Some artists just affect me that way, it's not that I'm unreceptive.

'This song is mine', has some genuine emotion, and sadly it's the only song on the album that I really liked. Pass.

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