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ARTIST TITLE

Billy 'Red' Love
Gee... I Wish
The Sun Years, plus

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TRACK LISTING

Gee I Wish (take 6) • Juiced • You're Gonna Cry • Drop Top • There's No Use • A Dream • My Teddy Bear Baby • Poor Man • Gee I Wish (take 2) • You Could Have Loved Me • Early In The Morning (take 2) • The News Is All Around Town (take 2) • If You Want To Make Me Happy (take 2) • Hey Now (take 1) • Way After Midnight (take 1) • Gee I Wish (take 3) • Blues Leave Me Alone (take 2) • Hart's Bread Boogie (take 2) • Early In The Morning (take 3) • Hey Now (take 2) • Way After Midnight (take 3) • The News Is All Around Town (take 1) • If You Want To Make Me Happy (take 1) • Blues Leave Me Alone (take 1) • Hart's Bread Boogie (take 3) • Gee I Wish (take 7)

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