

O.V. WRIGHT • MEMPHIS UNLIMITED



01. I've Been Searching
02. Nothing Comes To A Sleeper
03. The Only Thing That Saved Me
04. He's My Son (Just The Same)
05. You Must Believe In Yourself
06. Lost In The Shuffle
07. I'd Rather Be (Blind, Crippled, And Crazy)
08. Please Forgive Me
09. Are You Going Where I'm Coming From
10. Ghetto Child
11. Memory Blues
12. I'm Going Home (To Live With God)

AN UNHERALDED SOUTHERN SOUL GEM

In a musical landscape filled with the likes of such as Al Green, Otis Redding, and Bobby Womack, often lost in the shuffle is the works of Overton Vertis "O.V." Wright. Acclaimed among soul and blues music fans, and a legend of Southern music for his authoritative string of hits from the mid-60s to the early-70s. Tracks like "That's How Strong My Love Is", "A Nickel And A Nail", and various other productions (Often with the renowned Memphis producer Willie Mitchell) have secured a lofty place in music history for "O.V.", and have been lasting influences on contemporary blues and soul artists like Robert Cray, and Reggie Sears. His presence has even been felt in the hip-hop world, where his tracks have been regularly sampled by Ghostface Killah, Mobb Deep, Slim Thug, and Styles P, to name a few.

Wright found himself struggling with an addiction to narcotics during the 1970s, while at the same time releasing some of his most potent and robust releases through Hi Records. Chief among them was 1973's *Memphis Unlimited*, which struck a solid and powerful balance between the sophisticated, polished soul of the time, and Wright's blues-centric roots. Once again produced by Willie Mitchell, *Memphis Unlimited* features a strong lineup of Hi Records regulars like the Memphis Horns, Andrew Love, and Wayne Jackson, providing backup to slow-burning entries like "I've Been Searching", "Lost In The Shuffle", "Ghetto Child", and others. The album's closer "I'm Going Home (To Live With God)" would also go on to be sampled by hip-hop artists Common, William Cooper, and electronic producer Pretty Lights.

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