

DAMON SONG OF A GYPSY

DISC ONE:

Song of a Gypsy Poor Poor Genie Don't You Feel Me Did You Ever Funky Funky Blues Do You The Night Feel Your Love Birds Fly So High The Road of Life Oh What A Good Boy Am I Song of a Gypsy (45 version) Song of a Gypsy (Demo version)

DISC TWO:

The Lonely Surfer Don't Cry Bowlin' Alley Jane Don't Crv Davv A Face in the Crowd I Lie Crv I've Got My Pride Lovin' Man They Call Me a Fool The Battle Hymn (of the Republic) Everything is Alright The Little White Cloud That Cried I Wonder Why Seems Like I Traveled Dirty Daddy Blues

Deluxe reissue of the legendary late '60s Los Angeles psychedelic masterpiece: restored/remastered transfer, pitch/speed corrected for the first time ever. Contains second disc: the entirety of Damon's '60s recordings, and never-before-heard demos. Extensive booklet contains dozens of unpublished photos and images, a thorough investigation into this landmark album, and an extensive interview with Damon.

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Song of a Gypsy has remained high on its own plateau: out of reach and indescribable. It seemed that this homespun, funky psychedelic monument borrowed from nothing and sprung from nowhere. Damon's unique, introspective songwriting and nuanced voice, the interplay between he and lead guitarist Charlie Carey and an atmosphere that so perfectly captured the last bloom of the flower power era as it decayed into the dark haze of the '70s underground could only have arisen from a spark of auspicious genius. But did it?

Over the past seven years, we at Now-Again have been obsessed with *Song of a Gypsy* and have researched the album, and Damon's life-arch. This anthology is our attempt to put forth a convincing argument for the overwhelming importance of this album, a unique high point from within but also outside of America's psychedelic movement.

We follow Damon on his "predestined life as a gypsy" from his birth into a tight knit Italian American family in Rochester, New York, through the various Los Angeles communities that he would call home. We compile, and analyze the entirety of his oeuvre, from his first surf-rock single in 1960, through schmaltzy pop, convincing doo-wop, blued eyed soul and garage rock in the mid 60s. And we focus on the year 1967, the founding of his label Ankh, and his transformation from a pop hopeful to the tortured soul who would create *Song of a Gypsy*. To that end, we've uncovered demo recordings and acetates that show an artist in transition, and we attempt to make sense of the seminal moments that made this transformation possible in a crucial moment in America's psychedelic high water mark.

Format: CD

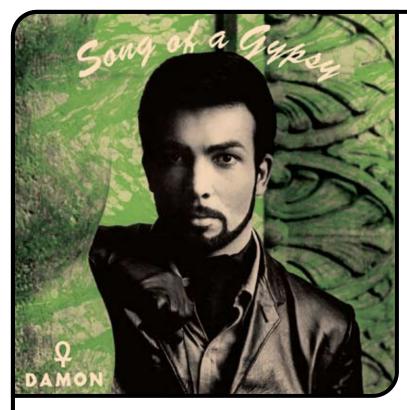
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DAMON SONG OF A GYPSY: DELUXE LP SET

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SIDE TWO:

Do You The Night Feel Your Love Birds Fly So High The Road of Life

SIDE THREE (BONUS):

Song of a Gypsy (45 Version) Song Of A Gypsy (Demo Version) Poor Poor Genie (Demo Version)

SIDE FOUR (BONUS):

The Lonely Surfer I Lie Lovin' Man I Wonder Why Seems Like I Traveled Dirty Daddy Blues

The Now-Again Select edition: expanded version of the album with bonus disc of Damon's 60s recordings and demos contained in a separate dress jacket.

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