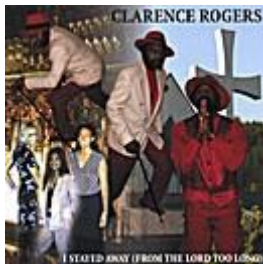


Mp3 Clarence Rogers - I Stayed Away (from The Lord Too Long)



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This gospel cd has its own original style of 12 soul jerking, foot stomping, Holy Ghost inspired tunes. Don't miss out on this "Heavenly Music", hear what the Lord is saying to you through these songs. 12 MP3 Songs GOSPEL: Traditional Gospel, URBAN/R&B: Contemporary urban Details: Portfolio of a Singer/Musician Clarence Rogers started in music playing the piano at the tender age of eleven. Inspired by his first cousin Robert T. McGregor. Four years later, he was playing nightclubs. After hearing Clarence play in several talent shows at East Highland High School where Clarence attended, in Sylacauga, AL Mr J.M. Larkin, the school music and band director, offered him a position to join his R&B band called "Snappy 7". They played such clubs as The Elks and the American Legion in Talladega, AL, where many Talladega college students would congregate. Clarence also became a member of another band in his hometown of Sylacauga, called the Shandaleer's, which was later changed to Stanley Ford and The Shandaleer's. With this group Clarence played at many nightclubs and events in Alabama. They were the house band for Supper Club 2728 in Birmingham, AL for more than 6 weeks where another renowned artist Clarence Carter (Slip Away, Patches) known as Clarence and Calvin back then, also performed. He played with these two groups until moving to Oregon in 1966. He sat in on many jam sessions at places around Portland such as The Cotton Club, Up and Downstairs, The Turquoise Room, Geneva's, Viewpoint, Fred's Place and jigs in Washington State. In 1968 Clarence would form his own group called the Chandaleer's, which was one of the first, if not the first live band to open at Chet's Lounge which was located on SW 4th Ave. The members included Myrtle Warren, Pat Nelson, Penny Fonteno, Ray Nelson, Big Bob Traylor and Leroy Smith. In 1970 he became the organist for a group called AfterGlow, out of California. With this group he toured many cities in California, even playing the

nation's largest airforce base, Vandenberg Airforce Base in Santa Maria, CA. They were also the house band for the Palm Garden Nightclub located on SE 30th and Powell Blvd in Portland, Oregon. Around 1971 he co-founded the group called Rated-X which was derived from Clarence's original group The Chandaleer's. The members of Rated-X were Ronnie and Donnie Miller, Elbert Gunner, Norman Sylvester, Penny Fonteno, Big Bob Traylor, and Leroy Smith, with Pat Nelson and Myrtle Warren as backup singers and dancers. Some of the places Rated-X performed were Shags's Arena grand opening and also became Shags's first house band, The Texas Playhouse, Jewella's, Ratskella's Tavern at Mt.Hood, OR and Sunset High School. This group released a 45 (record) called "What You Gonna Do About It", an original written and arranged by Clarence Rogers. This single was on the Vanco label and received many requests and lots of air play on the radio station KQIV. Rated-X also did guest appearances on KATU-TV show, called "The Third World", hosted by the late George Page. Later after adding two new members to the group (James Johnson and James Busby) Rated-X would change their name to Black Silk. Around 1973 or 1974 the group broke up and Clarence put his nightclub and recording careers on hold, playing occasionally for local churches, still writing and arranging songs for his own gratification. In 1995 Clarence re-started his recording career, when joined by his wife, Margaret, to release a gospel recording titled "In My Father's House" in 1996. Later that year he released an Easy Listening/Jazz CD titled "REVIVE!" on their ClaMar record label. Clarence Has completed work on his latest CD project titled "I Stayed Away (From The Lord Too Long)" which was released on August 23rd, 2003. This gospel CD with 12 soul jerking, foot stomping, Holy Ghost inspired tunes, was released on the new record label, ClaMar. He has also been successful at trying his hand as video-director for the title song on his Album ("I Stayed Away"), released in August, 2004 on DVD and VHS. Clarence also was one of many participants to perform at "Melodies from Heaven" concerts, sponsored by KKSL Radio Station, in Portland,Oregon. Clarence hope someday to do a fourth album and maybe more musical videos. In the meantime, God willing, he will continue to experiment with new sounds, and hopefully write and sing more Inspirational songs. FOR INFORMATION AND CONTACT: C M RECORDS PO BOX 86806 PORTLAND, OR 97286 503-516-4555 EMAIL (Crogrs55@aol.com)

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