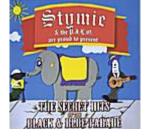
## Mp3 Stymie & The Pimp Jones Luv Orchestra - The Secret Hits Of The Black & Blue Parade



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him kicked out, and the band assumed a new name as it turned into a heavy metal group. To get even, he adopted the name Stymie as his personal moniker, creating a comic book persona that would reflect his inner demons. "My life is like a rubber band," says Sharp. "It's like there's a force that's constantly pulling me back, putting obstacles in my way. Then when I get onstage it's like somebody let go of the rubber band, and I can release all that energy." Honing his skills through street performance and as a vocalist for many bands in both LA and New York, Stymie's first brush with fame was singing back-up for Ice Cube, on his 1993 version of Parliament's "One Nation Under A Groove." Striking out on his own, Stymie moved to San Francisco in 1996 to tap into the energy that had propelled groups like Sly and The Family Stone. He envisioned a massive funk band that would take the city by storm, and began recruiting musicians to join his "Pimp Jones Luv Orchestra.

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