

# DADDY ROCKIN' STRONG: A Tribute to Nolan Strong and the Diablos

The Wind – Daddy Rockin' Strong – You're The Only Girl, Delores – (Yeah, Baby) It's Because Of You – The Way You Dog Me Around – Do You Remember What You Did – Mind Over Matter – I Want To Be Your Happiness – Real True Love – The Mambo For Love – Try Me One More Time – Harriette It's You – I Wanna Know

## SIDE 1

1. MARK SULTAN - The Wind
2. DIRTBOMBS - Daddy Rockin' Strong
3. CUB KODA - You're The Only Girl, Delores
4. OUTRAGEOUS CHERRY - (Yeah, Baby) It's Because Of You
5. ANDRE WILLIAMS WITH THE A-BONES - The Way You Dog Me Around
6. DANNY KROHA AND THE DEL TORROS - Do You Remember What You Did

## SIDE 2

1. REIGNING SOUND - Mind Over Matter
2. WRECKLESS ERIC AND AMY RIGBY - I Want To Be Your Happiness
3. A-BONES - Real True Love
4. HENCHMEN - The Mambo Of Love
5. DEMON'S CLAWS - Try Me One More Time
6. GENTLEMEN JESSE AND HIS MEN - Harriette It's You
7. LENNY KAYE - I Wanna Know

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**NOLAN STRONG and the DIABLOS**

After all is said and done, I have to give my biggest thanks to Fortune Records for allowing me not only the chance to make my own records, but for introducing me to the man I consider one of the true giants of rhythm and blues, Nolan Strong. When I arrived in Detroit in 1955 and signed with Fortune, Nolan and the Diablos were the biggest group in town, thanks to their Fortune recording of *The Wind*.

Nolan was, in my opinion, the most handsome black boy in Detroit. He was tall, medium built, with a very soft spoken voice, but don't let that fool you. Nolan was a master at defending himself. He had to be, because of jealous guys. See, Nolan was also the master at copping chicks. They would stand in line to get his kiss.

But he wasn't just a looker. Nolan was a very, very good vocalist. He was untouchable and unmatched when it came to the mastery of performing. He was also a truly great lyricist and he could paint a picture with words. Listen to *The Wind* and you can see right away why I rank him at the top. Nolan was influenced by Clyde McPhatter, but he did not copy his style. I truly believe that it was Nolan who paved the way for the success of singers like Smokey Robinson.

I am proud to be a part of this collection. Hearing these Diablos songs re-interpreted today just proves how timeless Nolan's music will always be. I would like to thank all the groups who did such a fantastic job in paying tribute to Nolan Strong and the Diablos. I can hear the admiration and respect towards Nolan in each and every track.

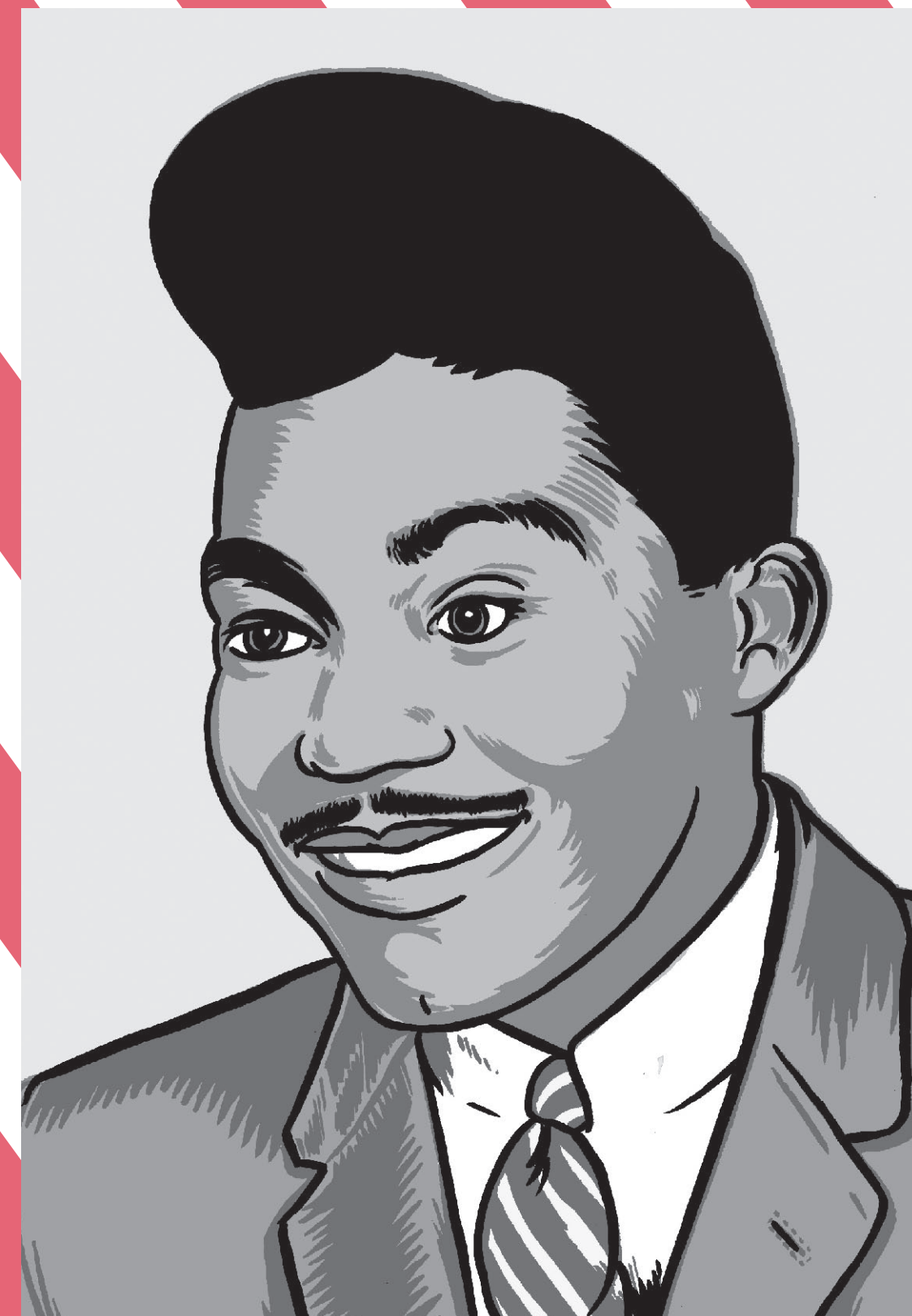
I consider myself very fortunate to have been a very close friend and admirer of Nolan Strong. His music will remain a part of me forever.

—Andre Williams  
Mr. Rhythm

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