

It's All Your Fault, by The Rosin Sisters
Recorded, mixed, and mastered by Bill Dudley
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For vocals, we only list the lead singer but the other two "sisters" are always there in vocal harmony. Guest artists: George Norman, Pete Senkowski, Doug Singleton, Bill Dudley, Leah and Chloe Smith of Rising Appalachia

1. Acorn Stomp – Daniel Huggins Williams, East Texas Serenaders
Jan, fiddle; Barbara, guitar; Ann, banjo uke; George, mandolin; Pete, bass
Jan learned this tune from the East Texas Serenaders, who recorded in the 1920's and 1930's and leaned towards ragtime, waltzes, and swing in challenging keys.

2. Long Time Gone – Leslie York (Boot House of Tunes)
Ann, lead vocal & guitar; Barbara, guitar & fiddle; Jan, fiddle; Pete, bass
Ann first learned this Everly Brothers song many years ago at Clifftop from her Canadian friend Isabel Fryszberg. She shared it with Jan and Barbara after listening to the Everly Brothers' 1958 recording on Songs Our Daddy Taught Us and it's become a favorite.

3. It's All Your Fault – Cindy Walker (Mesa Music)
Jan, lead vocal, banjo & fiddle; Barbara, guitar; Ann, banjo uke; Pete, bass
Jan fell in love with this song by Cindy Walker from Texas. She always started with a great title and then wrote the lyrics. This title says it all.

4. My Baby's Gone - Hazel Houser (Central Songs and Beechwood Music Corporation)
Barbara, lead vocal & guitar; Ann & Jan, fiddles; George, mandolin; Ann, bass
We love this sorrowful Louvin Brothers song that Tony McAulie, Barbara's friend from Northern Ireland, called "a real wrist slitter."

5. He Said If I Be Lifted Up – Traditional
Barbara, lead vocal & guitar; Ann & Jan, vocal harmonies; George, mandolin
Barbara brought this stirring Stanley Brothers song that she and her husband Whit have sung for decades. We didn't want it to end after only two verses, so we added a third.

6. Heaven Would Be Lonesome Without You – John Lilly (dba Beverly Lane Publishing BMI)
Ann, lead vocal & guitar; Barbara, fiddle & guitar; Jan, fiddle; Bill Dudley, finger-style guitar; Pete, bass
John sang this beautiful song for us at Ann & Doug's house during Dahlonega's Bear on the Square Festival in 2015, and we're thrilled that he thought we should do it. Bill plays a guitar made especially for Ann by her dear cousin Everrette (Buddy) Snotherly.

7. Turtle Dove - Traditional

Barbara, lead vocal & guitar; Ann, guitar; Jan, banjo

Alan Lomax collected this jewel from Bessie Jones of the Georgia Sea Island Singers, who learned it from her grandparents who were born as slaves. She told how this song echoes the first notes you hear the angels sing when you get to heaven.

8. Ryestraw- Traditional

Ann, Barbara, Jan, fiddles; George, mandolin

We love the energy of this great Southern fiddle breakdown and have all played it for contra and square dances.

9. Lonesome Pine Special – Sarah Carter, A.P. Carter (Peer International Corp.)

Ann, lead vocal & guitar; Barbara, fiddle & guitar; Jan, banjo; Doug, bass

The Troublesome Creek String Band recording of this Carter Family song first caught Ann's ear. We send it out to all our many Texas buddies.

10. Dream of a Miner's Child – Reverend Andrew Jenkins (Shapiro Bernstein & Co. Inc.)

Barbara, lead vocal & guitar; Jan, vocal harmony & banjo; Ann, vocal harmony; Pete, bass

This Stanley Brothers song, thought to have originated in the British Isles, is particularly poignant to Barbara, whose fiddling grandfather, John "Uncle Bert" Panter, was working in the Copperhill, Tennessee mines when a cave-in killed his brother working beside him.

11. River of Jordan - Hazel Houser (Central Songs and Beechwood Music Corporation)

Ann, lead vocal & guitar; Barbara, fiddle & guitar; Jan, banjo; Doug, bass

The Louvin Brothers put this Hazel Houser song on their album entitled Satan is Real in 1959. Ann can't remember when she first learned it and is so happy to be singing it with her "sisters."

12. The Lone Pilgrim - Traditional from the Sacred Harp Hymnal

Barbara, lead vocal & guitar; Ann & Jan, vocal harmonies

This Sacred Harp hymn is attributed to Major B.F. White, circa 1850, who wrote it upon visiting the grave of a departed friend from Georgia who died out West and was buried in a lonesome prairie grave.

13. Da Slokit Light – Tom Anderson (Mechanical Copyright Protection Society Ltd.)

Jan, lead fiddle; Ann & Barbara, harmony fiddles; Pete, bowed bass

This beautiful tune by Tom Anderson, a fiddler and tune collector from the Shetland Islands, refers to the diminishing lights in his village from the way he remembered them in childhood, due to an ever-decreasing population.

14. My Soul's Gonna Live with God - Traditional

Jan learned this gospel song from a recording of Josh White, known as The Singing Christian. We are joined by the soulful singing of Jan's daughters, Leah and Chloe of Rising Appalachia.

15. Florida Blues – Fiddlin' Arthur Smith (Berwick Music Corp.)
Barbara, fiddle; Ann, guitar; Jan, banjo; George, mandolin; Pete, bass
Barbara learned this fiddle tune popularized by Fiddlin' Arthur Smith from the late Dallas Burrell, a fine bluegrass and honky tonk fiddler from Elberton, GA, who was well-known in Atlanta and all over the Southeast.

16. You're Running Wild: R. Edenton, D. Winters (Sony/ATV Acuff Rose Music)
We love this Louvin Brothers song, originally recorded in 1956 and then covered by many fabulous singers over the years.

17. All That I've Got's Done Gone – Fiddlin' Doc Roberts
Ann first started learning this great tune several years ago from the Rhys Jones' recording, and then she got hold of Doc Roberts' recording on Fiddlin Doc Roberts Vol. 2. It's her lifelong challenge to get it right.

18. Mississippi Song - Leah and Chloe Smith, with permission
Leah and Chloe wrote this as a love song to the Mississippi River. We had a great time with this unrehearsed, spontaneous combustion version coming together.

1. Acorn Stomp, 3:18
2. Long Time Gone, 2:59
3. It's All Your Fault, 3:14
4. My Baby's Gone, 3:42
5. He Said If I Be Lifted Up, 3:21
6. Heaven Would Be Lonesome Without You, 3:09
7. Turtle Dove, 3:02
8. Ryestraw, 2:24
9. Lonesome Pine Special, 2:58
10. Dream of a Miner's Child, 3:17
11. River of Jordan, 2:28
12. The Lone Pilgrim, 2:28
13. Da Slockit Light, 3:50
14. My Soul's Gonna Live With God, 2:25
15. Florida Blues, 3:14
16. You're Running Wild, 2:35
17. All That I've Got's Done Gone, 3:16
18. Mississippi Song, 3:52

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