



Flatt & Scruggs - Best of Flatt & Scruggs TV Show: Volume 1

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Guide Rating – 4-1/2 out of 5 stars

Bottom Line:

If you want to experience Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs' early performances for the first time or you're watching it for nostalgic purposes, *Best of Flatt & Scruggs TV Show 1* is an all-around pleasurable video collection.

I've been a fan of Bluegrass music for quite a while now and being able to see Flatt & Scruggs perform via footage from decades ago is such an interesting concept to me. It's like stepping back into a decade I never was able to experience first-hand.

August 1961 Show: After the show's opening, the boys dig into "**Shortnin' Bread**," before performing the Carter Family tune "**Jimmie Brown The Newsboy**." A recipe for Martha White's "Knock Knack Sticks" was the subject of the show's first commercial, peddling Martha White's self-rising flour with hot-rize. Uptempo "**Pig In The Pen**" features Paul Warren on the fiddle introduction and is the first full song featuring Scruggs on the banjo. On "**Georgia Buck**," Scruggs is back on the guitar playing a solo. A stand-out song is "**Jesus Savior, Pilot Me**." It features Flatt & Scruggs and the Foggy Mountain Boys playing their guitar, banjo, dobro, and mandolin while providing wonderful vocal harmonies. The second commercial is for Martha White Corn Meal Mix. Josh Graves and Jake Tullock give us a little comedy break afterward and the great music marches on with songs like "**Durham's Bull**," "**Brother, I'm Getting Ready To Go**," and "**Fiddle Tune**." The last song for this show is "**Before I Met You**."

February 1962 Show: Opening up this episode is the song "**Just Ain't**," which also happened to be Flatt & Scruggs' first single off their latest album at that time. Guest star Hylo Brown then sings "**Lovesick And**

Sorrow" before a Martha White commercial for self-rising flour. **"Don't Let Your Deal Go Down"** is upbeat & features wonderful dobro playing from Josh Graves & fiddle playing from Paul Warren. I love it when the guys stand share one microphone & take their turns in the "spotlight." **"Earl's Breakdown"** is well-known in the bluegrass circle in more modern times & it's nice seeing it being performed back in the early sixties. Lester, Earl, Paul, & Curly join together for a Hymn entitled **"I'll Never Be Lonesome Again."** This is one of the stand-out songs from the collection. It's wonderfully performed & the vocals are stirring. Haylo Brown is back to sing **"John Henry."** I enjoy picking out different instruments & focusing only on them, so Josh Graves' dobro solo song, **"Down In The Valley,"** is especially enjoyable to listen to. **"Precious Memories"** is performed a cappella & **"The Hollow Poplar"** ends the show with Paul on the fiddle & Earl on the banjo.

Best of Flatt & Scruggs TV Show 1 is an enjoyable video release and is the kind of entertainment you could watch with anyone from any age group. Whether you can remember gathering around your television to watch the Flatt & Scruggs Grand Ole Opry shows, or you want to take a trip back in time to watch it for the first time, you'll be in for a treat with this Bluegrass duo and their performances.

Performance List:

August 1961:

0. Opening
0. Shortnin' Bread
0. Jimmie Brown the Newsboy
0. Commercial: Martha White Knick Knack Sticks
0. Pig in the Pen
0. Georgia Buck
0. Jesus Savior Pilot Me
0. Commercial: Martha White Corn Light Bread
0. Comedy with Jake & Josh
0. Feast Here Tonight
0. Durham's Bull
0. Brother, I'm Getting Ready to Go
0. Fiddle Tune
0. Before I Met You

February 1962:

0. Opening

- 0. Just Ain't
- 0. Lovesick and Sorrow
- 0. Commercial: Martha White Pastry Shell
- 0. Don't Let Your Deal Go Down
- 0. Earl's Breakdown
- 0. I'll Never Be Lonesome Again
- 0. Commercial: Martha White Corn Light Bread
- 0. John Henry
- 0. Down in the Valley
- 0. Precious Memories
- 0. A Hundred Years from Now
- The Hollow Poplar