#40: ROVIN' GAMBLER (Samuel Omar) 1962



The country-orientated *Rovin' Gambler* was recorded at Radio Luxembourg's studios during early 1962, and Cliff incorporated it briefly into his live act at the time too. He sang it in concert during his 1962 spring UK tour which lasted from 16 February to 31 March that year. One of the concerts at the ABC Kingston, Surrey, England on 7 March 1962 was recorded by EMI for an intended album release but was shelved. This show remained unheard in EMI's vaults for 40 years before finally being officially released in 2002. During the tour Cliff sang other tracks like *Razzle Dazzle*, *Dim Dim The Lights, Save My Soul, I Got A Woman, When The Girl in Your Arms* and *We Say Yeah* – all songs which featured in Cliff's weekly Radio Luxembourg 'Me And My Shadows' shows too!

MC: screams of glee at the Surrey venue when Cliff worked in the notion of falling in love with "a Kingston girl"; the RL version, the reproduction of which is far better than average, matches the Kingston version in poise, while preserving the American ambience, though the arrangement is credited by Cliff to "My road manager, Michael Conlin"!