

LITTLE 'B' **(Brian Bennett)**



Brian Bennett's drum track was recorded at Abbey Road in May 1962 and was released on the Shadows' second LP in October that same year. The sole surviving RL recording is a very short, specially constructed, LITTLE 'B' timing out below two minutes. Nevertheless, it still manages to capture all of the excitement of this number even with its abridged drum solo.

Once again Cliff provides an introduction: "Any of you who have seen their stage act recently will remember Brian's great feature written by himself – the fabulous....." Plainly, the remark does not relate to 1961 because the new boy Brian only toured overseas late that year. However, the Cliff & Shadows' UK tour set between January-March 1962 included LITTLE 'B', and this number was taped (but not issued) in March at the ABC Kingston. Surely Cliff's 'stage act' comment would have been made no earlier than February 1962, and it sounds as if it might well have been related specifically to this high profile tour rather than to tours mounted later in the year. In any event, an RL recording date of 1962 is certain, though such is the paucity of the surviving material that as it happens the only attested date for an airing is from the last series, 20 January 1963. The number never graced the airwaves of BBC radio.