

## ROY ORBISON

Roy Orbison's first Sun single, "**Ooby Dooby**," was pure rockabilly—a rather surprising start for a singer famous for heavily orchestrated, near-operatic ballads that occupy the opposite end of the musical spectrum from Sun's sparse intensity. Like Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison was never quite comfortable as a rockabilly singer, but he certainly made a valiant effort at it. "Ooby Dooby" reached #59 on the national pop charts in 1956, and though none of his successive Sun releases came any closer to hit status, his tenure at Sun as a recording artist and house songwriter was a crucial learning experience and morale booster for the shy Texan. Orbison concentrated on songwriting after leaving Sun in 1958 (he wrote "Claudette" for the Everly Brothers) before rekindling his singing career in 1960 on Monument Records with "Only the Lonely."