

Wet Willie - The Wetter The Better (1976)

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01. No, No, No (Michael Duke) - 3:10 [play](#) 02. Teaser (Michael Duke) - 4:02 [play](#) 03. Baby Fat (Ricky Hirsch/Jimmy Hall/Michael Duke) - 3:54 04. Ring You Up (Michael Duke) - 5:16 05. Comic Book Hero (John Anthony) - 4:42 06. Walkin' By Myself (Jimmy Hall/Jack Hall/Ricky Hirsch) - 4:51 07. Everything That 'Cha Do (Will Come Back To You) (Ricky Hirsch) - 5:13 08. Everybody's Stoned (Ricky Hirsch) - 5:08

Personnel: - Michael Duke - lead vocals, piano, melodica, Moog-synthesizer - Ricky Hirsch - lead guitar, acoustic guitar, slide guitar, vocals - John Anthony - organ, Moog-synthesizer, ARP string ensemble, electric piano, rhythm guitar - Jack Hall - bass, vocals - Jimmy Hall - lead vocals, alto saxophone, harmonica, percussion - Lewis Ross - drums + - Leo LaBranche - trumpet, horn arrangements - Earl Ford - trombone - Dezso Lakatos, Skip Lane - baritone saxophone - Jerome Joseph - congas - Donna Hall, Leslie Hawkins - backing vocals (03)

Though they had a hit with "Keep on Smilin'," Wet Willie has long since been forgotten, and yet they were among the original Capricorn Southern boogie bands of the day. The sound was based around dueling and slide guitars, rolling pianos and organs, harmony vocals and lots of jamming, but this album, their sixth, stands out for another reason: its completely inappropriate cover photo of a glistening woman's torso, from nipple to crotch, holding a popsicle. You've seen it in the \$1 bins for ages, and it's a wonder it was reissued at all. Among the bluesy Southern rock songs is a jam with a funky beat and horns, "Baby Fat;" it could pass for the disco of the era and sounds like something KC & the Sunshine Band would do. The easy soul of "Everybody's Stoned" would be great for a time capsule. Forget this one, though it's certainly plausible that enjoyment on a sentimental level could be obtained by some folk out there. --- Denise Sullivan, AMG

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