Crawford Brothers – Johnny Crawford and Bobby Crawford

John Ernest "Johnny" Crawford (born March 26, 1946) is an American character actor, singer, and musician. At age 12, Crawford rose to fame for playing Mark McCain, the son of Lucas McCain (played by Chuck Connors), in the popular ABC western series, *The Rifleman*, which originally aired from 1958 to 1963. Crawford first performed before a national audience as a Mouseketeer.

Robert “Bobby” L. Crawford jnr, was Johnny’s elder brother.

Albums and singles – most are produced by Bob Keene (or Bob Keane - born Robert Verrill Kuhn) (owner of Del-Fi established in 1958)

Crawford Del-Fi singles:

1603 Crawford, Johnny Daydreams/So Goes The Story Del-Fi 4162 (US) 1961

*No piano on this one.*

Crawford, Johnny Your Love Is Growing Cold/Treasure Del-Fi 4165 (US) 1961

1603 Crawford, Johnny Patti Ann/Donna Del-Fi 4172 (US) 1962

*No piano on this one.*
0815  Crawford, Johnny  Cindy’s Birthday/Something Special  Del-Fi 4178 (US)  1962

Leon intro on 1? – No LR on 2

0814  Crawford, Johnny  Mr. Blue/Your Nose Is Gonna Grow  Del-Fi 4181 (US)  1962

No LR on this one.
Leon? all over 1 – track 1 was recorded in the RCA Studios in Nashville

No audible piano at all.
Crawford, Johnny  Lonesome Town/Proud  Del-Fi 4193 (US)  1962

LR nice tinkling piano on 1- and a little on 2 - track 2 was recorded in the RCA Studios in Nashville

Crawford, Johnny  Cry On My Shoulder/When I Fall In Love  Del-Fi 4203 (US)  1963

Leon piano on both - lots on 2

Track 2: Johnny Crawford session: Feb. 12, 1963 at RCA Vine St. Hollywood - 5:30-8:30 PM
1527  Crawford, Bobby  Mrs. Smith Please Wake Up Joan/
That Little Ole’ Lovemaker Me  Del-Fi 4211 (US)  1963

No piano on 1 - Leon lots on 2

0897  Crawford, Johnny  Petite Chanson /What happened to Janie  Del-Fi 4215 (US)  1963
1451  Crawford, Johnny  Petite Chanson /What happened to Janie  Del-Fi 4215 (US)  1963

No piano on 1 – nice Leon runs on 2
1530 Crawford, Johnny  
*Cindy’s Gonna Cry/Debbie*  
Del-Fi 4221 (US)  1963  

*Leon all over 1 - No piano on 2*

606 Crawford, Johnny  
*Ol’ Shorty/Sandy*  
Del-Fi 4229 (US)  1963  

*“Ol’ Shorty” could have been a Walter Brennan track, except Leon is NOT there! He is replaced by violin and banjo. Johnny Crawford is telling the story of the old coon dog. No piano on 2 either.*

1312 Crawford, Johnny  
*Living In The Past/Judy Loves Me*  
Del-Fi 4231 (US)  1963  

*LR piano on 1 - writer D. Gates – no piano on 2 – produced by Jan Berry (of Jan & Dean)*
811

Crawford, Johnny

(Once Upon A Time) *The Girl Next Door*/
*Sittin' And A-Watchin'*

*Del-Fi 4242 (US)* 1963

Leon on 1 - written by Gates – no piano on 2

Track 1: Johnny Crawford session: Feb. 12, 1963 at RCA Vine St. Hollywood - 5:30-8:30 PM
Session leader: Jack Nitzsche – Musicians included: David Gates – Steve Douglas – Roy Caton –
Russell Bridges (Leon Russell) - Glen Campbell – Hal Blaine –

Crawford, Bobby

I Want To Be A Good Guy/?

*Del-Fi 4236 (US)* 1964?

Crawford, Johnny

Janie Please Believe Me/

*Del-Fi 4305 (US)* 1965

Fuller, Bobby

Am I Too Young

LPs:
0320  Crawford, Johnny  The Captivating Johnny Crawford  Del-Fi DFLP 1220 (US) 1963

- Lucky Star (no piano)
- Treasure (no piano)
- Please Mr. Sun (no piano)
- That’s All I Want From You (no piano)
- Tennessee Waltz (no piano)
- We Belong Together (no piano)
- Son Of The Moon (no piano)
- Your Love Is Growing Cold (no piano)
- Donna (no piano)
- Patti Ann (no piano)
- Daydreams (no piano)
- Vaya Con Dios (no piano)

Violins, violins and violins… no trace of a piano anywhere.
Crawford, Johnny  A Young Man’s Fancy  Del-Fi DFLP 1223 (US) 1963

Cindy’s Birthday (piano into)
Sittin’ And A-Watchin’ (no piano)
Debbie (no piano)
Something Special (no piano)
I’m Walking (no piano)
Your Nose Is Gonna Grow (no piano)
Mr. Blue (no piano)
In The Wee Small Hours (piano!)
Moon River (no piano)
Little White Cloud (no piano)
Young At Heart (no piano)

More violins and violins… only really piano on one track and it have got to be Leon. It sounds like him.
0235  Crawford, Johnny   Rumors   Del-Fi DFLP 1224 (US) 1963
0321  Crawford, Johnny   Rumors   Del-Fi DFLP 1224 (US) 1963

Devil Or Angel (piano!)
Rumors (piano)
Lonesome Town (piano)
How High The Moon (piano!)
Living In The Past (piano)
Since I Don’t Have You (no piano)
No One Really Loves A Clown (no piano)
Janie Please Believe Me (piano)
Cry On My Shoulder (little piano)
I Don’t Need You (piano)
Petite Chanson (no piano)

I think it is Leon on all piano tracks! It sounds like him, but… the liner notes says, that the entire album was recorded in Nashville! To get “The World Famous Nashville Sound”. They of course had top players like Floyd Cramer, who was first in line, when it came to put The Nashville Sound on records. That does not make it Leon-ground, so… to my ears the arrangements and production does not differ from the previous recordings. There are lots of piano, and again lots and lots of violins.
Johnny Crawford - His Greatest Hits

Del-Fi DFLP 1229 (US) 1963

Proud
Rumors
Your Nose Is Gonna Grow
Cindy’s Birthday
Debbie
Patti Ann
Mr. Blue
Sittin’ And A-Watchin’
Moon River
We Belong Together
Donna
Daydreams
Crawford, Johnny  **Best of Johnny Crawford**  Rhino RNDF-202 (US) 1982

Cindy’s Birthday  
Patti Ann  
No One Really Loves A Clown  
Daydreams  
What Happened To Janie  
Your Nose Is Gonna Grow  
Lonesome Town  
Rumors  
The Girl Next Door  
Proud  
Cindy’s Gonna Cry  
Sandy  
Judy Loves Me  
We Belong Together

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2. Rumors (Leon!) –
3. Your Nose Is Gonna Grow (no piano) –
4. Proud (Leon!) –
5. Patti Ann (mono) (no piano)–
6. Daydreams (mono) (no piano) –
7. Cindy's Gonna Cry (mono) (LR) –
8. Janie Please Believe Me (LR) –
9. Cry On My Shoulder (LR) –
10. Sittin and A-Watchin' (LR) –
11. No One Really Loves A Clown (no piano) –
12. Debbie (no piano) –
13. Petite Chanson (no piano) –
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21. Moon River (no piano) –
22. How High the Moon (LR) –
23. Young at Heart (no piano) –
24. When I Fall In Love (mono) (LR!) –
25. That's All I Want From You (mono) (no piano) –
26. Good Buddies (Crawford Bros.) (mono) (no piano)

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Songs were: