

SOUNDS OF OUR CITY

Broke Bedrocks Slept on the Floor



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The Bedrocks, the six-piece group from Leeds who have snatched the second hit with the Beatles “Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da”, got their success the hard way. The band consists of six West Indians now residing in the Leeds area who have been playing together for just a year. “We have all played with other groups before, but never had any success”, said drummer Reg Challenger. “We’d played in London a couple of times and on one of our gigs, Norman Smith of EMI heard us and liked the band. A few weeks ago, he asked us to come to London, and record a song he heard”.

The song was “Ob-La-Di”, but the Bedrocks had a problem: they were skint. But they managed to borrow £25, hired a van and got down to London – penniless. “We had no money at all. We didn’t eat for the two days we were in London. We used a club called the London cavern to rehearse the Beatles number in and the let us kip down on the floor”.

But said Reg, they got the number recorded and it was subsequently released. If the exuberance of “Ob-La-Di” is anything to go by, they will.