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- 1. Got My Mojo Working (Foster) [4:45]
- 2. Nutcracker (Sumlin) [4:07]
- 3. Rock Me Baby (Josea, King) [3:30]
- 4. (I'm Your) Hoochie Coochie Man (Dixon) [7:27]
- 5. The Sky Is Crying (James, Lewis, Robinson) [6:06]
- 6. Pinto Beans and Blackeyed Peas (Sumlin) [5:20]
- 7. Take It Easy Baby (Perkins) [4:19]
- 8. Shame, Shame, Shame (Reed) [5:00]
- 9. Come Back Baby (Davis) [4:07]
- 10. Sunnyland Slim (Perkins) [7:02]
- 11. She Walks Right In (Brown) [3:37] play

Musicians:

Pinetop Perkins (vocals, piano);

Hubert Sumlin (vocals, acoustic & electric guitars);

Doug Wainoris (acoustic & electric guitars, dobro, background vocals);

Annie Raines (harmonica, background vocals);

Rod Carey (acoustic & electric basses);

Per Hansen (drums, percussion).

Primarily known as sidemen, pianist Pinetop Perkins and guitarist Hubert Sumlin, if not as widely recognized as the artists they've supported, do have something of a legendary status in the blues world. Thus, this CD where the two of them take the lead (providing vocals as well) is aptly titled. The material consists mainly of longtime standards such as "Got My Mojo Working," "Rock Me Baby," "Hoochie Coochie Man," and "The Sky Is Crying," all performed with the considerable skill attained through years of experience. If Perkins and Sumlin's approach to these tunes isn't exactly innovative, it is rock solid and energetic, with plenty of excellent lead work from them both. Also notable is Annie Raines's harmonica, which provides solid

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counterpoint to the two leads, and occasionally takes the lead on its own. --Genevieve William

CMJ (12/21/98, p.27) - "...When two living blues legends like Pinetop Perkins and Hubert Sumlin get together, blues fans are in for a real treat....Incredibly, after decades on the blues circuit, this album marks the first time the two have actually played together..."

LEGENDS was nominated for the 2000 Grammy Award for Best Traditional Blues Album.

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