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01. *Change Your Low Down Ways* - 2:18 02. *The Fugitive* - 4:29 03. *Till' Your Lovin' Makes Me Blue* - 4:51 04. *Now That You've Lost Me (B.B. King)* - 3:26 05. *I Tried* - 2:47 06. *Call My Woman* - 3:05 07. *The Devil Drives* - 2:41 08. *Low Gear Man* - 2:53 09. *Tuesday's Blues* - 3:32 10. *Mean Old World* - 3:01 Personnel: - John Moorshead - lead guitar, vocals - Victor Brox (Victor Hickley) - 12-string guitar, organ, cornet, vocals - Alex Dmochowski - bass - Aynsley Dunbar (Aynsley Thomas Dunbar) - drums + - Ian Samwell – producer

The Aynsley Dunbar Retaliation's second album was much the same as their first, offering competent late-'60s British blues, given a slightly darker cast than was usual for the style via Victor Brox's somber vocals. Like their debut, it was dominated by original material, and as on its predecessor, the compositions were rather routine blues-rock numbers, though they benefited from arrangements by highly skilled players. The best of these tracks were the ones that utilized Brox's gloomy, almost gothic organ, if only because it made them stand out more among the company of the many similar bands recording in the prime of the British blues boom. Otherwise the main fare was straightforward blues-rock that was well played, but rather average and forgettable, the most distinguished ingredient being Dunbar's hard-hitting, swinging drums. If only because it has some original songs that were better than anything on the first album ("Fugitive," "Till Your Lovin' Makes Me Blue," and "Tuesday's Blues," the last of which has some songwriting and guitar work quite similar to Peter Green's late-'60s style in those departments), it's a slightly better listen, though not up to the standards of somewhat similar groups like Fleetwood Mac and John Mayall & the Bluesbreakers. —Richie Unterberger, Rovi

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