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1 Blind Snake 4:58 2 Hard Feelin' with Me 4:57 3 Swing Low Sweet Chariot 4:23 4 If You Don't Treat Me Better 5:00 5 Tell Me What's Going On 3:40 6 She Alright, She Alright 4:20 7 People Don't Do 5:07 8 Little by Little 4:56 9 Make Love to You 4:00 10 Chinkipen Tree 4:47
Bobby Rush - Guitar, Composer, Harp, Vocals Fred Young - Vocals (Background) Tommy Harris - Bass, Vocals (Background) Stevie J. - Guitar, Vocals (Background) Terry Richardson - Bass Dexter Witherspoon - Vocals (Background) Al Hollis - Vocals (Background) Cedric Vance - Piano, Drums, Horn, Finger Snaps, Vocals (Background), Keyboards

I'm a big Bobby Rush fan. Blind Snake is the best record of his recent catalog. The title track is another of Bobby's signature soul-funk tunes with the barely-subtle lyrical innuendo he's famous for. If you are familiar with his hits "Night Fishin" and "I Ain't Studdin Ya" (aka "Hen Pecked" in his live shows) then you know what "Blind Snake" is like.

While the whole record is fantastic, there are some particular standouts: a couple well-known blues tunes reworked in the classic Bobby Rush style, such as Willie Dixon's "Make Love to You" and the standard "Catfish Blues", titled here (with different lyrics) as "She Alright, She Alright"; the gospel standard "Swing Low Sweet Chariot"; my particular favorite "Chinkapin Huntin", an intimate half-spoken, half-sung story about Rush's dad teaching him about playing guitar and chasing big women -- it's irreverent and silly, and still quite touching.

I've been listening to this record for years -- I bought it from the Man himself after one of his annual King Biscuit shows. I have yet to get tired of it, and it's my favorite of the many Bobby Rush albums I own. --- thxman, amazon.com

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