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2.1 *Rock Me* 2:45 2.2 *That's All* 2:34 2.3 *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* 2:45 2.4  
*Precious Lord, Hold My Hand* 3:01 2.5 *I'm In His Care* 2:53 2.6 *Nobody's Fault But Mine*  
3:03 2.7 *I Want A Tall Skinny Papa* 2:50 2.8 *What He Done For Me* 2:39 2.9 *I Want Jesus*  
*To Walk Round My Bedside* 2:38 2.10 *All Over The World* 2:35 2.11 *Pure Religion* 2:31  
2.12 *Rock Me* 2:47 2.13 *That's All* 2:03 2.14 *Trouble In Mind* 2:39 2.15 *Rock Daniel* 2:41  
2.16 *Down By The Riverside* 3:46 2.17 *I Want A Tall Skinny Papa* 2:28 2.18 *This Train*  
2:48 2.19 *Sin Is To Blame* 2:59 2.20 *That's All* 2:53

Anthology specialists Proper Records has issued a fabulous, 4-CD boxed set of Sister Rosetta Tharpe's work, titled *Sister Rosetta Tharpe: The Original Soul Sister*, accompanied by a thick, 40-page book of historical photos, liner notes and exhaustive discography information, courtesy of Joop Visser Raved.

Rosetta Tharpe with Cab Calloway Evident from every track is the fact that for Tharpe, the guitar was not merely accompaniment. More often than not, she gives her instrument 'equal billing', so to speak, opening up extended guitar solos (such as on her cover of Washington Philip's "That's All"), showing herself to be virtuoso.

"Rock Me" is the subtitle of the second disc, and serves to further accent Tharpe's integration into the swing circuit, with cuts included from wartime broadcast of "Jubilee", a live-recorded radio broadcast aimed by the AFRS (Armed Forces Radio Services) aimed to entertain overseas troops. On "Sin Is To Blame", she is backed by Erskine Hawkins & His Orchestra, and on another take on her hit "This Train", she teams up with Louis Jordan and His Tympany Five.  
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