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1. *Cherry Ball* 3:51 2. *Pencil and Paper* 7:20 3. *Baby Gal* 3:52 4. *Biscuit Roller* 4:41 5. *Blue Front Breakdown!* 4:10 6. *Train I Ride* 7:16 7. *Catfish Blues* 3:19 8. *Wake Up, Woman* 4:47 9. *Could've Been Married* 6:58 10. *It's Over* 4:47 Jimmy 'Duck' Holmes – guitar, vocals  
Lightnin' Malcolm – drums (2,5,6,9) Bud Spires – harmonica (7)

A year after the release of his critically lauded debut CD, blues guitarist Jimmy “Duck” Holmes returns with a second slab of deep country blues. *Done Got Tired of Tryin'* features 10 new songs performed in the haunting Bentonia, Mississippi style of Holmes’ predecessors, Skip James and Jack Owens. But Holmes also incorporates strong rhythmic elements into his music, thanks to the rousing accompaniment of drummer Lightnin’ Malcolm on several tracks.

The songs on *Done Got Tired of Tryin'* stem from two recording sessions held at the Blue Front Café, the rural juke joint Jimmy’s family has operated since 1948. The juke is believed to be the oldest operating juke joint in Mississippi. The CD includes Holmes’ interpretations of several blues classics including “Catfish Blues,” “Train I Ride” and the Bentonia classic, “Cherry Ball.” The remaining tracks spotlight Holmes’ powerful songwriting. Tracks such as “Pencil and Paper” and “Biscuit Roller” display a songwriting voice as strong as any in the country blues world today.

*Done Got Tired of Tryin'*, like Holmes’ debut *Back to Bentonia*, will be released by St. Louis-based Broke & Hungry Records. The label also is responsible for *Searching for Odell Harris*, the debut from 66-year-old Odell Harris and *Meet Me in the Cotton Field* by Clarksdale blues veterans Terry “Big T” Williams and Wesley “Junebug” Jefferson. ---cdbaby.com

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