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Solo Performer: Big Joe Williams Recorded in Chicago, July 29 and September 26, 1964.

Classic Delta Blues collects 12 cuts Big Joe Williams cut in 1964. For these recordings, he played a standard six-string guitars instead of hauling out his custom nine-string and the effects are pleasant, but not revelatory. ---Thom Owens

Like Robert Johnson, his Mississippi Delta contemporary, singer-guitarist Joseph Lee Williams was a fierce, wonderfully idiosyncratic country blues stylist. The composer of countless tunes, including the now-standard "Baby, Please Don't Go," Big Joe instead concentrated on personalized renditions of numbers associated with other Delta blues giants as Johnson, Charley Patton, and Skip James at this stunning 1964 session. What also makes it extraordinary is that he played a standard six-string guitar rather than the homemade nine-string model he favored during that period.

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