

Koko Taylor - Jump For Joy (1990)

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1. *Can't Let Go* 2. *Stop Watching Your Enemies* 3. *Hey Baby* 4. *Tired Of That* 5. *It's A Dirty Job* 6. *Jump For Joy* 7. *Time Will Tell* 8. *The Eyes Don't Lie* 9. *Fishing Trip* 10. *I Don't Want No Leftovers* Koko Taylor (vocals), Criss Johnson (guitar), Jim Dortch (keyboards), Jerry Murphy (bass), Ray "Killer" Allison (drums). + Billy Branch (harmonica); Henri Ford, Gene Barge (tenor saxophone); Willie Henderson (baritone saxophone); Elemer Brown II (trumpet); Edwin Williams, Orville McFarland (trombone).

A slightly slicker Koko Taylor than we've generally been accustomed to, with nice horn arrangements by Gene Barge that frame the blues queen's growl effectively. A Taylor duet with Lonnie Brooks would normally be something to savor, but they're saddled here with "It's a Dirty Job," which is beneath both their statures. Still, Taylor wrote four of the disc's best numbers herself, including "Can't Let Go" and the title cut. ---Bill Dahl, allmusic.com

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