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01. *Midnight Hour Blues* 03:10 02. *Mean Mistreater Mama* 03:05 03. *Hurry Down Sunshine* 03:43 04. *Corn Likker Blues* 03:51 05. *Shady Lane Blues* 03:44 06. *Blues Before Sunrise* 03:32 07. *Take A Walk Around The Corner* 03:06 08. *My Woman's Gone Wrong* 02:31 09. *Southbound Blues* 03:02 10. *Barrelhouse Women* 02:55 11. *I Believe I'll Make A Change* 02:58 12. *Bobo Stomp* 02:54 13. *Big Four Blues* 03:05 14. *Hustler's Blues* 02:37 15. *Shining Pistol* 02:58 16. *It's Too Short* 02:56 Leroy Carr, piano and vocals, accompanied by Scrapper Blackwell, guitar, and Josh White, guitar on tracks 13, 15, & 16.

This disc is a collection of 1932-34 recordings by the singer-pianist. Leroy Carr was an early American blues singer-songwriter/pianist. The 16 tracks here include "Midnight Hour Blues", "Mean Mistreater Mama", and "Hurry Down Sunshine". Despite minimal sound quality, this reissue contains some prime Leroy Carr/Scrapper Blackwell material. They were arguably the greatest piano and guitar duo to emerge in the late '20s and early '30s. You can find these tracks on other import collections, but this was among the first reissues available on a domestic label. ---Ron Wynn, allmusic.com

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