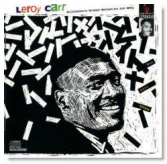
Leroy Carr & Scrapper Blackwell – Blues Before Sunrise (1962)



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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