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1. *Write Me A Few Lines* 3:37
2. *Louise* 3:58
3. *I Heard Somebody Call* 2:38
4. *61 Highway* 5:21
5. *Mama Don't Allow Me* 2:32
6. *Kokomo Blues* 2:05
7. *Fred's Worried Life Blues* 2:42
8. *You Gonna Be Sorry* 5:17
9. *Shake 'Em On Down* 2:37 [play](#)
10. *My Trouble Blues* 3:33
11. *Black Minnie* 2:02
12. *That's Alright* 3:03
13. *When I Lay My Burden Down* 2:14
14. *I Ain't Gonna Be Bad No Mo'* 3:10
15. *Do My Baby Ever Think Of Me* 2:08
16. *Brooks Run Into The Ocean* 5:43
17. *Bull Dog Blues* 3:53
18. *Frisco Line* 4:01
19. *You Gotta Move* 3:20 [play](#)

McDowell first recorded in 1959, when folklorist Alan Lomax discovered him during a field trip. Five years later the sixty- year-old northern Mississippian was taped performing in his living room by Arhoolie's Chris Strachwitz. The results are outstanding: McDowell's commanding singing and slide guitar commentaries, tied to clear thinking and acute feeling, refashion traditional fare into entirely personal folk music. Added to the original program are six stunning tracks, including 'You Cotta Move" (covered by the Rolling Stones) and two 1965 field recordings cofeaturing history book guitarist Eli Green. --- Frank John Hadley

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If you know about Fred McDowell, this is a must have item. If you don't know about Fred McDowell, this is a must have item! What can you say about Mississippi Fred McDowell that could do his music justice? He was real and you can feel it when you hear him play his delta slide blues. 15 of the 19 tunes on this CD were recorded in 1964 and 1965, near Fred's home. The quality is unbelievable, considering the time and technology. Fred's wife, Annie McDowell supplies a killer vocal on "When I Lay My Burden Down." Two cuts were recorded at Eli Green's place, out in the woods near Holly Springs, Mississippi. Eli was a mentor of Fred and they jam together to create lively renditions of "Do My Baby Ever Think Of Me," and "Brooks Run Into The Ocean," which was written by Green. The final tune, a real trade mark of Fred and the title song, "You Gotta Move," was recorded by the Rolling Stones, shortly after they heard it. The energy is high throughout this 64:04 minutes of great slide blues.

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