

## Otis Spann - Walking The Blues (1972)

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01. *It Must Have Been The Devil* (3:47) 02. *Otis Blues* (4:19) 03. *Going Down Slow* (4:01)  
04. *Half Ain't Been Told* (4:42) 05. *Monkey Woman* (4:59) 06. *This Is The Blues* (3:10) 07. *Evil Ways* (3:54) 08. *Come Day Go Day* (4:13) 09. *Walking The Blues* (4:58) 10. *Bad Condition* (4:24) 11. *My Home Is In The Delta* (3:13) Musicians: Otis Spann - piano, vocals Robert Lockwood, Jr. – guitar, vocals James Burke Oden, St. Louis Jimmy Oden - vocals

Walking the Blues is arguably the finest record Otis Spann ever cut, boasting 11 cuts of astounding blues piano. On several numbers, Spann is supported by guitarist Robert Jr. Lockwood and their interaction is sympathetic, warm, and utterly inviting. Spann relies on originals here, from "Half Ain't Been Told" to "Walking the Blues," but he also throws in a few standards ("Goin' Down Slow," "My Home Is in the Delta") that help draw a fuller portrait of his musicianship. Most importantly, however, is the fact that Walking the Blues simply sounds great -- it's some of the finest blues piano you'll ever hear. ---Thom Owens , Rovi

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