Steve Cropper - With A Little Help From My Friends (1969)

1 Crop Dustin' (Cropper, Miles) 2:58
2 Land of 1000 Dances (Domino, Kenner) 5:30
3 99 1/2 (Cropper, Floyd, Pickett) 3:20
4 Boo-Ga-Loo Down Broadway (James) 4:28
5 Funky Broadway (Christian) 4:49
6 With a Little Help from My Friends (Lennon, McCartney) 5:31
7 Oh, Pretty Woman (Williams) 3:32
8 I'd Rather Drink Muddy Water (Miller) 3:10
9 The Way I Feel Tonight (Cropper) 3:00
10 In the Midnight Hour (Cropper, Pickett) 3:36
11 Rattlesnake (Cropper, Pickett) 4:52

After years of being a team player, Steve Cropper got to make a solo album for the label he helped put on the map, Stax Records (actually their Volt subsidiary). As you might figure, it turned out as an instrumental soul album, and a darn good one, too. It's a bona fide Telecaster-soaked dance workout, with Cropper turning in signature versions of "Land of a Thousand Dances," "99 1/2," (which features a particularly nasty period fuzz guitar), "Funky Broadway," "Boo-Ga-Loo Down Broadway," "In the Midnight Hour," and original instrumentals like "Crop Dustin'" and the closer "Rattlesnake." A solid and soulful little side project that holds up quite well years later. ---Cub Koda, AllMusic Review

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