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- 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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