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Robert Pete Williams - I'm as Blue as a Man Can Be (1994)



01. Pardon Denied Again 02. This Wild Old Life 03. Just Tippin' In 04. Louise 05. Church On Fire 06. Texas Blues 07. I'm Blue As A Man Can Be 08. Up And Down Blues 09. So Much Is Happening In This Wicked World 10. Come Here Baby 11. Levee Camp Blues 12. Two Wings 13. Angola Special 14. Motherless Children Have A Hard Time 15. Please Lord, Help Me On My Way Robert Pete Williams – guitar, vocals

Robert Pete Williams' music had the striking lyricism and highly individualized sound of the great Delta blues masters, but it was made well after the heyday of that style. Williams improvised considerably in his performances, using blues' language but varying his approach. These songs were mostly recorded at the Angola State Penitentiary. While Williams sings mournful, anguished blues with spectacular impact, he also can turn around and do more joyous fare effectively. His vigorous accompaniment, especially on six-string guitar, is just as creative and stunning as his vocals. This 15-cut disc, which has five bonus cuts, is most welcome. ---Ron Wynn, Rovi

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