Bessie Smith - The Complete Recordings Vol.2 (1924-1925)

CD I:
1) Frankie Blues;
2) Moonshine Blues;
3) Louisiana Low Down Blues;
4) Mountain Top Blues;
5) Work House Blues;
6) House Rent Blues;
7) Salt Water Blues;
8) Rainy Weather Blues;
9) Weeping Willow Blues;
10) The Bye Bye Blues;
11) Sing Sing Prison Blues;
12) Follow The Deal On Down;
13) Sinful Blues;
14) Woman's Trouble Blues;
15) Love Me Daddy Blues;
16) Dying Gambler's Blues;
17) The St. Louis Blues;
18) Reckless Blues; play
19) Sobbin' Hearted Blues.

CD II:
1) Cold In Hand Blues; play
2) You've Been A Good Ole Wagon;
3) Cake Walkin' Babies (From Home);
4) The Yellow Dog Blues;
5) Soft Pedal Blues;
6) Dixie Flyer Blues;
7) Nashville Women's Blues;
8) Careless Love Blues;
9) J. C. Holmes Blues;
10) I Ain't Goin' To Play Second Fiddle;
11) He's Gone Blues;
12) Nobody's Blues But Mine;

13) I Ain't Got Nobody;
14) My Man Blues;
15) New Gulf Coast Blues;
16) Florida Bound Blues;
17) At The Christmas Ball;
18) I've Been Mistreated (And I Don't Like It).

Bessie Smith's greatest collaborations with Louis Armstrong--need I say more? Two of the greatest artists of their time working together to create some of the greatest music of the entire century. This is the best of the Complete Bessie Smith volumes to have--this is the artist in her (recording) prime. ---Marc Dolan

Rough, rowdy, and precious was our dear Bessie. Treat your ears to a woman who still blows the competition away. Featuring nearly 2 hours of Bessie's best, this double disc collection contains 37 tracks and is a "must" for those who love early 1920s blues and jazz. A real treat here, for those who also love Armstrong's early cornet work (as mentioned in the other review) are seven tracks she did with Louis: St. Louis Blues (Jan. 24, 1925) Reckless Blues (Jan. 24, 1925) Sobbin' Hearted Blues (Jan. 24, 1925) Cold in Hand Blues (Jan. 24, 1925) You've Been a Good Ole Wagon (Jan. 24, 1925) Careless Love Blues (May 27, 1925) I Ain't Gonna Play No Second Fiddle (May 27, 1925) ---M.Watkins

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