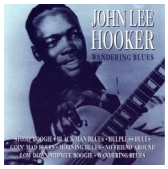
John Lee Hooker - Wandering Blues (1950)



01. Stomp Boogie (3:09) 02. Black Man Blues (3:32) 03. Helpless Blues (3:40) 04. Goin' Mad Blues (3:45) 05. Morning Blues (2:46) 06. Rock N' Roll (2:41) 07. No Friend Around (2:54) 08. Low Down Midnight Boogie (3:39) 09. House Rent Boogie (2:47) 10. Wandering Blues (3:00) 11. Landing Blues (3:30) 12. My Baby's Got Something (2:52) 13. Decoration Day Blues (3:05) 14. Do The Boogie (3:13) John Lee Hooker – guitar, vocals James Watkins – piano Curtis Foster – drums

This is a collection of very early tracks by John Lee (1948 - 1950) and almost all are played without a backing band. The recording quality ranges from bad to worse throughout the CD but you can hardly expect glossy 5.1 surround sound because these songs are probably over 50 years old. What you get here is a slice of classic Blues & Boogie by one of the most influential musicians ever. This is raw, emotional, top notch Blues. My favourite tracks are probably 'Morning Blues' & 'Wandering Blues' but there are a couple of tracks that let the collection down by being almost completely inaudible. --- James N. R. Goad, amazon.com

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