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01. *St. Louis Blues* 02. *Moanin' Low* (Alberta Hunter) 03. *Downhearted Blues* (Alberta Hunter) 04. *Now I'm Satisfied* (Alberta Hunter) 05. *Sweet Georgia Brown* (Lovie Austin) 06. *You Better Change* (Alberta Hunter) 07. *C-Jam Blues* (Lovie Austin) 08. *Streets Paved With Gold* (Alberta Hunter) 09. *Gallon Stomp* (Lovie Austin) 10. *I Will Always Be In Love With You* (Alberta Hunter) Alberta Hunter (vocals); Lovie Austin (vocals, piano); Jimmy Archey (trombone); Darnell Howard (clarinet); Pops Foster (bass); Jasper Taylor (drums).

This CD reissue is notable for two main reasons. It finds Alberta Hunter (who had retired from music in 1954 to become a nurse and who in the interim had only recorded once, two weeks earlier) in peak form on such numbers as "St. Louis Blues," "Downhearted Blues" and "You Better Change." In addition, it was pianist Lovie Austin's first recording in a couple decades; she was nearly 74 at the time and working as pianist at a Chicago dancing school. Austin's "Blues Serenaders" (a quintet also including trombonist Jimmy Archey, clarinetist Darnell Howard, bassist Pops Foster and drummer Jasper Taylor) has some concise solo space on the vocal pieces and takes three numbers (including Austin's "Gallon Stomp") as instrumentals. A well-conceived and historic set. ---Scott Yanow, AMG

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