Big Joe Turner - Texas Style The Definitive Black & Blue Sessions (1972)



01. Money First 02. Hide And Seek 03. Ive Got A Pocket Full Of Pencils 04. Rock Me Baby play 05. Cherry Red 06. Texas Style play 07. T.V.Mama 08. T'aint Nobodys Business 09. Morning Glory 10. Rock Me Baby (take 1)
Big Joe Turner (vocals); Milt Buckner (piano); Jo Jones (drums); Slam Stewart (bass).

This somewhat obscure Black & Blue session (reissued by Evidence on CD) features the great blues singer Big Joe Turner a year before he hooked up with the Pablo label. Turner is backed by a particularly colorful and supportive trio comprised of pianist Milt Buckner (the master of block chords), bassist Slam Stewart (who takes a few of his trademark solos in which he sings along with his bowed bass) and veteran swing drummer Jo Jones. Turner was still in his prime at the time and, even if his material was not too adventurous, the music (which includes a few newer bluish originals plus such standbys as "Cherry Red" and "Tain't Nobody's Bizness If I Do") is performed with enthusiasm and solid swing. ---Scott Yanow, allmusic.com

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