Blind Willie McTell – Experience Blues (2002)



- 01. Georgia Rag (Willie McTell) (3:04)
- 02. Searchin' the Desert For the Blues (3:08)
- 03. It's Your Time to Worry (3:02)
- 04. Lord, Send Me an Angel (2:52)
- 05. Love-Makin' Mama (2:54)
- 06. You Was Born to Die (2:49)
- 07. Rollin' Mama Blues (3:03)
- 08. Low Rider's Blues (3:17)
- 09. Lonesome Day Blues (3:14)
- 10. Mama, Let Me Scoop For You (3:08)
- 11. Savannah Mama (3:14)
- 12. It's Good Little Thing (2:51)
- 13. Death Room Blues (2:57)
- 14. Experience Blues (3:10)
- 15. My Baby's Gone (2:58)
- 16. Broke Down Engine (3:10)

The only serious flaw in this budget-line Blind Willie McTell collection is the first track's title, which should be "Georgia Rag" rather than "Willie McTell." Blind Willie McTell's entry in the Our World catalog contains 16 of his best performances dating from the years 1931-1933. Hopping from label to label during this period, McTell recorded as Blind Willie, Blind Sammie, Hot Shot Willie, and Georgia Bill. He sings while working over his 12-string guitar alone, in duet with guitarist Curley Weaver ("Georgia Rag"), and in harmony with his wife, Ruth Kate McTell, identified as Ruth Day ("Experience Blues"). While this affordably priced sampler will suffice if nothing else by McTell is readily available, many better editions do exist and might well be preferable. The grossly misidentified first track undermines the credibility of the producers while lowering the value of the album as a whole. ---arwulf arwulf, allmusic.com

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