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## Tom Principato - Robert Johnson Told Me So (2013)



01. Robert Johnson Told Me So (4:20)  02. Knockin' On the Door (3:44)  03. It Ain't Over ('Til It's Over) (4:17)  04. What Goes Around (Comes Back Around) (4:38)  05. The Rain Came Pourin' Down (7:44)  06. 22042 Falls Church, Virginia (4:22)  07. Run Out Of Time (4:33)  08. It Ain't Over ('Til It's Over) [Reprise] (3:55)     Musicians:  Tom Principato – guitar, vocals  Tommy Lepson – keyboards,vocals  Steve Wolf – bass  Joe Wells - drums  Josh Howell - congas, percussion, vocals, harmonica  +  Jim Brock - drums  Willie Weeks – bass  Chuck Leavell – organ, piano  Shacara Rogers, Rochelle Rice & Imani-Grace Cooper  -  "Afro Blue" vocal group  Chris Watling - baritone sax  Pete BarenBregge,  John De Salme - tenor sax  Justine Miller, Graham Breedlove – trumpet  Antonio Orta - alto sax

The title cut refers to Robert Johnson, who was a legendary Mississippi delta blues musician in the 1930's whose music and life are surrounded by much legend and folklore. He sang songs about women and drinking, dealing with the Devil, riding the blinds (trains), standing at the crossroads, Hellhounds plaguing his life and stones that blocked his passway. This was all done with a single acoustic guitar played with a "bottleneck slide", and impassioned singing about all of the aforementioned demons that haunted his life--the life of a "drifter". Those of us who have heard his music know that Robert's vocal articulation at first listen is not always clear and understandable--it is for this reason that I joke that it took a lot of time before I came to undersatnd exactly what it is that Robert Johnson was trying to tell me! "Catch a train goin' down the track I don't care if I never come back. If the goin' gets tough then it's time to go Robert Johnson told me so". ---Editorial Review, amazon.com

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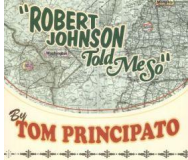
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