Etta Baker - One-Dime Blues (1991)



01. Never Let Your Deal Go Down 02. One Dime Blues 03. Knoxville Rag 04. Broken Hearted Blues 05. Lost John 06. Dew Drop 07. Going Down The Road Feeling Bad 08. Near The Cross I Watch And Pray 09. Spanish Fandango 10. Round My Back Door Selling Coal 11. But On The Other Hand Baby 12. Crow Jane 13. John Henry 14. Alabama Wagonwheel 15. Bully Of The Town 16. Going To The Racetrack 17. Police Dog Blues 18. Marching Jaybird 19. Railroad Bill 20. Carolina Breakdown Etta Baker (vocals, guitar, banjo); Cora Phillips (guitar).

Guitarist/vocalist Etta Baker hadn't made any recordings or even been in a studio since 1956 before making the 20 numbers comprising this CD. But judging from the arresting vocals, prickly accompaniment, and commanding presence she displayed on each song, it seemed as if she had been cutting tracks daily. Baker moved from sassy and combative blues tunes like "Never Let Your Deal Go Down" and "But on the Other Hand Baby" to chilling numbers like "Police Dog Blues," novelty tunes, double-entendre cuts, folk pieces, and even country-flavored material. Singing and playing in vintage Piedmont style with a two- and three-finger technique, Etta Baker offers timeless, memorable performances. ---Ron Wynn, Rovi

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