

## K.C. Douglas – Mercury Blues (1998)

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1 Mercury Blues 2:40 2 My Mind's Going Back To 1929 5:10 3 Catfish Blues 4:00 4 High Water Rising 4:55 5 Woke Up This Morning 4:15 6 Somebody Done Stole My Gal 4:43 7 Fanny Lou 3:05 8 I Don't Want No Woman To Love Me 3:54 9 Married Woman Blues 3:33 10 Black Cat Bone 3:25 11 Good Looking Women 3:11 12 Richard's Ride 3:08 13 Hear Me Howling 3:48 14 I'm Gonna Build Me A Web 3:55 15 Make Your Coffee 4:15 16 Night Shirt Blues 3:40 17 Canned Heat 1:23 18 Your Crying Won't Make Me Stay 2:44 19 Country Girl 3:00 20 Black Cat Bone 2:30 21 Good Looking Women 3:00 22 Fanny Lou 2:50 K.C. Douglas - Composer, Guitar, Vocals Richard Riggins - harmonica Jim Marshall - Drums Ron Thompson - Guitar

Spare electric blues from 1973-74 with a juke-joint feel, including a version of "Mercury Blues," tcovered by Steve Miller and Alan Jackson. Originally released on LP on Arhoolie 1073, the CD reissue adds a dozen previously unissued bonus cuts, taken from sessions in 1960, 1963, 1973, and 1974. It's competent but unexceptional country-blues with added electricity and a rhythm section, and pretty similar-sounding most of the way through. "I'm Gonna Build Me a Web," the 1963 track, stands out here as the piano and sax add some needed texture; the three 1960 songs are solo acoustic performances. --- Richie Unterberger, allmusic.com

"...the real highpoint of this album is the high-energy exchanges between Douglas' guitar and vocals and the spirited harmonica playing of Richard Riggins. It's old time country blues , guitar, harmonica bass and drums , that on songs like his covers of Tommy Johnson's 'Canned Heat' and 'Catfish Blues,' give testimony to the accomplishments of a very talented, and much underappreciated, blues artist." --- Kirk Robertson, arhoolie.com

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