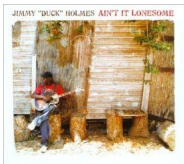
Jimmy 'Duck' Holmes - Ain't It Lonesome (2009)



01. Slow Down, Slow Down (3:42) 02. That's Alright (5:21) 03. All Night Long (3:27) 04. Done Got Tired Of Tryin' (3:00) 05. My Baby's Gone (5:02) 06. Bentonia Boogie (3:39) 07. Someday Baby (3:10) 08. So Glad (My Baby's Coming Home) (3:19) 09. Tell Me Woman (5:02) 10. Nightmare (3:58) Jimmy "Duck" Holmes – guitar, vocals Lee Wiliams – drums (3,6,9)

Jimmy "Duck" Holmes, the rural Mississippi blues guitarist who burst onto the international blues scene in 2006, returns this fall with Ain't It Lonesome, his third CD for Broke & Hungry Records and his fourth overall.

As on Holmes' previous CDs for Broke & Hungry Records, several tracks on Ain't It Lonesome were recorded at the Blue Front Cafe, the rural juke joint that Holmes and his family have operated in Bentonia, Mississippi since 1948. Additional tracks were recorded at Bill Abel's Big Toe Studio in Duncan, Mississippi.

Holmes conjured up several haunting acoustic originals for the CD, including "My Baby's Gone," "Nightmare" and "Done Got Tired of Tryin'." The latter song provided the title of Holmes' sophomore CD in 2007, but the song itself has remained unreleased until now. In addition to the solo acoustic tracks, Holmes offers up several searing electric performances accompanied by Clarksdale, Mississippi-based drummer Lee Williams. These titles include the driving "All Night Long" and the menacing "Tell Me, Woman."

"It's always a thrill to release a new Duck Holmes CD," said Broke & Hungry Records owner Jeff Konkel. "The Bentonia blues tradition made famous by Skip James and Jack Owens, is alive

and well in his hands, and I think this new CD really captures its essence."

Holmes first made waves in the blues scene with the 2006 release of his award-winning debut CD, Back To Bentonia. He followed it up with a sophomore disc in 2007, Done Got Tired of Tryin', which was nominated for a Blues Music Award as Acoustic Album of the Year. Last year, Holmes appeared in the Blues Music Award winning film M For Mississippi. ---cdbaby.com

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