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A1 –Jimmy Cotton Blues Quartet Cotton Crop Blues A2 –Jimmy Cotton Blues Quartet The Blues Keep Falling A3 –Jimmy Cotton Blues Quartet Love Me Or Leave Me A4 –Jimmy Cotton Blues Quartet Rocket 88 A5 –Jimmy Cotton Blues Quartet West Helena Blues Jimmy Cotton – Harmonica, Vocals James Madison – Guitar Otis Spann – Piano S.P. Leary - Drums A6 –Otis Rush Blues Band, The Everything's Going To Turn Out Alright A7 –Otis Rush Blues Band, The It's A Mean Old World B1 –Otis Rush Blues Band, The I Can't Quit You Baby B2 –Otis Rush Blues Band, The Rock B3 –Otis Rush Blues Band, The It's My Own Fault Otis Rush – Guitar, Vocals Roger Jones – Bass Robert Crowder – Saxophone (alto) Luther Tucker - Rhythm Guitar Willie Lion - Drums B4 –Homesick James And His Dusters Dust My Broom B5 –Homesick James And His Dusters Somebody Been Talkin' B6 –Homesick James And His Dusters Set A Date B7 –Homesick James And His Dusters So Mean To Me Homesick James Williamson – Guitar, Vocals Willie Dixon – Bass Willie Dixon – Drums

After his tenure at Chess, Otis Rush signed with Duke Records in Houston, who only released one 45 during his entire five year stay at the label. This Vanguard session from 1966 was his first in several years and finds him in exemplary form. Backed by a tough little club band, Otis' guitar tone is crystal clear and well focused, while his singing is simply superb. With two excellent instrumentals aboard ("Rock" is Otis' version of Earl Hooker's "Universal Rock"), the other big ticket highlight is the version of "I Can't Quit You, Baby" that Led Zepplin would later copy note for note on their first album. This is part of a three volume series and also features excellent tracks by James Cotton ("Cotton Crop Blues" and a wild version of "Rocket 88") and Homesick James. ---Cub Koda, Rovi

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