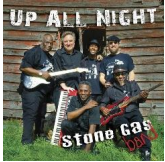


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01. Annie Mae 02. Every Woman I Get 03. Stormed Through The Door 04. Up All Night 05. Been So Long 06. Chicago Woman 07. Disappointed Again

This is real deal blues from Clarksdale, MS - the cradle of the blues and home to this band. Upbeat and fun - "Dance blues" if you will - it what you would hear if you caught the band at Red's, the last great juke joint in the Delta!

Clarksdale, MS, 1990. It all started with the Gas Man – Arthneice Jones. Mr. Johnnie Billington taught us all something, but the Gas Man started the Stone Gas Band, and that's where we all came together. First with Terry, Dione and Harvell, then Howard joined. Early 90's brought scores of gigs up and down the Mississippi Delta and one memorable appearance at the Chicago Blues Fest with Lonnie Shields. Margaret's Blue Diamond Lounge was home base, but we played every juke joint worth playing. And we developed a sound that was Clarksdale, but also uniquely ours. "Dance Blues" some called it. We just did what we did. We did a video, Juke Joint Saturday Night, but it went nowhere (but you can see some excerpts on You Tube). And then Terry went away, and Shine came in and we kept at it, and we laid down some tracks in 1999 or so, but we never were able to do anything with them. We lost our momentum, Dione moved to Kansas City, and things fizzled out.

Then in 2013 Gas Man passed, and once again - it all started with the Gas Man, with a tribute show at Ground Zero. Billy came in on harp. He had been with us in that early nineties Johnnie Billington scene, and there was no one better to play Gas Man's songs with his sound than our buddy Billy. And it was good. So, the spark got re-lit, and Dione moved back, and a few years later Shine herded us all together again. This time we decided that this music needed to be put on CD. It was long overdue, but we got it done, and we hope you enjoy our stuff. It's not perfect, but it's what you will hear if you ever join us at Red's – our new home base – where we continue

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to do what we do. Like Gas always said, "Scheming and dreaming and wild root creaming. Wining and dining and music finding for your satisfaction, if you'll only stick around." So, stick around. We're not going anywhere. ---cdbaby.com

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