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A1 *Stuttering Blues* 2:13 A2 *Wobbling Baby* 2:32 A3 *You Lost A Good Man* 2:50 A4 *Love My Baby* 2:35 A5 *Misbelieving Baby* 2:30 A6 *Drifting Blues* 3:33 B1 *Don't Turn Me From Your Door* 2:40 B2 *My Baby Don't Love Me* 2:58 B3 *I Ain't Got Nobody* 2:28 B4 *Real Real Gone* 2:22 B5 *Guitar' Lovin Man* 2:38 B6 *Talk About Your Baby* 2:33 John Lee Hooker, Eddie Kirkland (vocals, guitar)

Don't Turn Me From Your Door comprises a set of 1953 sessions that were originally released in 1963 and later in 1972, under the title *Detroit Special*. Despite its twisted historical background, this is fine, first-rate Hooker. A few tracks feature the support of guitarist/vocalist Eddie Kirkland, a few others, an unnamed bassist, but this is pretty much pure John Lee Hooker -- just him and a guitar, running through a set of spare, haunting blues that include such tracks as "Blue Monday" and "Stuttering Blues." There are none of his best-known tracks on the album, but it's one of his most consistent original records. --- Thom Owens, AllMusic Review

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