Koko Taylor - Force of Nature (1993)



1. "Mother Nature" (Campbell) - 4:41 2. "If I Can't Be First" (Turner) - 3:40 3. "Hound Dog" (Leiber, Stoller) - 5:33 4. "Born Under a Bad Sign" (Bell, Jones) - 6:22 5. "Let the Juke Joint Jump" (Jackson) - 6:08 6. "63 Year Old Mama" (Taylor) - 4:29 7. "Don't Put Your Hands On Me" (Estrin) - 2:53 8. "Bad Case of Loving You (Doctor, Doctor)" (Moon Martin) - 4:23 9. "Fish in Dirty Water" (Moore, Spencer) - 5:45 10. "Tit for Tat" (Lidsey, Shell) - 4:31 11. "Put the Pot On" (Taylor) - 3:48 12. "Nothing Takes the Place of You" (McCall, Robinson) - 4:41 13. "Spellbound" (Taylor) - 4:07 14. "Greedy Man" (Dollison) - 3:27 Koko Taylor (vocals); Buddy Guy (vocals, guitar); Criss Johnson, Calvin "Vino" Louden (guitar); Carey Bell (harmonica); Gene Barge (alto saxophone); Henri Ford (tenor saxophone); Willie Henderson (baritone saxophone); Byron Bowie, Burgess Gardner (trumpet); Edwin Williams (trombone); Jeremiah Africa (keyboards); Jerry Murphy (bass); Ray "Killer" Allison, Brady Williams (drums).

'Force of Nature' is aptly titled; over three decades into her career, Koko Taylor is unstoppable. The Queen of Chicago Blues is in fine form on this 1993 release from Alligator, from her own "63 Year Old Mama," "Put the Pot On," and "Spellbound" to such blues classics as "Hound Dog," "Bad Case of Loving You," and "Born Under a Bad Sign" (featuring an appearance by Buddy Guy). "Mother Nature," with Carey Bell on harmonica, is a well-chosen opening track; Taylor's earth-shattering voice brings the roof down on your head and shakes you out of your shoes. Sit back and enjoy, but you'll soon find yourself up and dancing around the room. --Genevieve Williams, allmusic.com

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