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1. *Buddy Brown's Blues*
2. *Drinkin' Wine, Spo-Dee-O-Dee*
3. *Sail On, Little Girl, Sail On*
4. *DC-7*
5. *Death Bells*
6. *Goin' to Dallas to See My Pony Run*
7. *Jailhouse Blues*
8. *Blues in the Bottle*
9. *Beans, Beans, Beans*
10. *Catfish Blues*
11. *My Grandpa Is Old Too!*

Solo performer: Lightnin' Hopkins (vocals, guitar).

Recorded in 1961 for Prestige, a label best known for jazz, **BLUES IN MY BOTTLE** presents Sam "Lightnin'" Hopkins in a strictly solo setting. Armed with only his plaintive vocals and an acoustic guitar, Hopkins gets to the very heart of the blues, his unadorned style placing nuance and emotion above volume and precision. Every song on this 11-track album--particularly the lonely "Sail On, Little Girl, Sail On," the bleak "Death Bells," and the resigned "Jailhouse Blues"--is a testament to the strength of Hopkins's playing in such a minimal and informal environment.

Although the Texas bluesman was just shy of 50 during these sessions, his world-weary voice makes him seem much older, lending an added gravity to these tales of life, love, travel, and isolation. Those looking for a direct link between Hopkins and his legendary predecessors Blind Lemon Jefferson and Robert Johnson will find it on this potent outing of top-notch country blues.
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