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01. Mance Lipscomb - Corrine, Corrina (2:57) 02. Mance Lipscomb - Captain, Captain (3:09) 03. Mance Lipscomb - Alabama Jubilee (2:00) 04. Mance Lipscomb - Evil Blues (3:07) 05. Mance Lipscomb - Mr. Tom (2:07) 06. Mance Lipscomb - Mother Had A Sick Child (3:06) 07. Mance Lipscomb - Texas Blues (4:07) 08. Mance Lipscomb - Long Way From Tipperari (2:21) 09. Mance Lipscomb - Haunted House Blues (2:53) 10. Mance Lipscomb - Wonder Where My Easy Rider Gone (3:03) 11. Mance Lipscomb - A Rag (1:28) 12. Mance Lipscomb - Louise (4:32) 13. Mance Lipscomb - Ain't You Sorry (2:19) 14. Mance Lipscomb - Joe Turner Killed A Man (3:06) 15. Mance Lipscomb - Alabama Bound (1:59) 16. Mance Lipscomb - Tom Moore's Farm (3:39) 17. Mance Lipscomb - Baby Don't You Lay It On Me (2:22) 18. Mance Lipscomb - Johnny Take A One On Me & Buck Dance (3:24) 19. Mance Lipscomb - Farewell (3:47) Vocals, Guitar – Mance Lipscomb

Like Leadbelly and Mississippi John Hurt, the designation as strictly a blues singer dwarfs the musical breadth of Mance Lipscomb. Born on April 9, 1895 in Navasota, TX, Lipscomb was a sharecropper/tenant farmer all his life who didn't record until 1960, "songster" fits what Lipscomb did best. A proud, yet unboastful man, Lipscomb would point out that he was an educated musician, his ability to play everything from classic blues, ballads, pop songs to spirituals in a multitude of styles and keys being his particular mark of originality. He appeared at numerous blues and folk festivals throughout the '60s, released several albums on Arhoolie and even one for a major label, Reprise, in 1970, Trouble in Mind. Four years later, Lipscomb retired from the festival circuit and passed away on January 30, 1976 in his hometown of Navasota, TX. He was 81. With a wide-ranging repertoire of over 90 songs, Lipscomb may have gotten a belated start in recording, but left a remarkable legacy to be enjoyed.

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