

Memphis Slim - Rockin' The Blues (1981)

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1. *Gotta Find My Baby*
2. *The Comeback*
3. *Messin' Around*
4. *Sassy Mae*
5. *Lend Me Your Love*
6. *Guitar Cha Cha*
7. *Stroll On Little Girl*
8. *Rockin' The House*
9. *Wish Me Well*
10. *Blue And Lonesome*
11. *My Gal Keeps Me Crying*
12. *Slim's Blues*
13. *Steppin' Out*
14. *Mother Earth*
15. *What's The Matter*
16. *This Time I'm Through*

Personnel: Memphis Slim (vocals); Matt "Guitar" Murphy (guitar); John Calvin (alto saxophone); Ernest Cotton (tenor saxophone); Billy Stepney (drums).

The most complete gathering of Slim's 1958-1959 Vee-Jay output available on disc (16 songs to the even dozen on the Gate of Horn domestic disc) and the best-sounding too. This is the crowning achievement in Memphis Slim's massive legacy -- he delivers his classics one right after another, backed by his unparalleled combo that was anchored by Matt "Guitar" Murphy's startlingly fresh solos. Along with the standbys -- "Messin' Around," "Mother Earth," "Wish Me Well" -- there's the catchy instrumental "Steppin' Out," later covered by Eric Clapton; the romping "What's the Matter," and a blistering "Rockin' the House" where the band nearly sails right out of the studio! ---Bill Dahl, Rovi

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