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CD1 01 *Good Morning Little Schoolgirl* 02 *Louise* 03 *Stage banter* 04 *John Henry* 05 *My Baby* 06 *Woke Up This Morning* 07 *When I Lay My Burdon Down* 08 *Jesus On The Mainline* 09 *You Got To Move* 10 *Worried Blues* 11 *Baby Take My Rest* CD2 01 *Mojo Hand* 02 *Instrumental* 03 *I Feel So Bad* 04 *Instrumental* 05 *Lord I Wonder What I Have Done Wrong* 06 *Kokomo Blues* 07 *Lord, When You Get Home* 08 *Bye Bye Little Girl* 09 *Someday Baby* 10 061 *Highway* 11 *tuning* 12 *Instrumental (false start) > tuning* 13 *Instrumental* 14 *Stage banter* 15 *I Wonder What I Have Done Wrong* 16 *tuning* 17 *Lord My Head Don't Hurt Me*
Court Coffee House, Tacoma, WA 1971.04.14

"Mississippi" Fred McDowell was born and grew up in Rossville, a small farming community just east of Memphis and just north of the Mississippi border. The "Mississippi" designation came later in life, after he moved down to Como, Mississippi about 40 miles south of Memphis on the 51 Highway, in his late thirties. McDowell was born about 1904 or 1905, and worked most of his life as a farm laborer, mill worker, and tractor driver. He played music at country dances and juke joints, though as he says, "I wasn't making money from music. sometimes they'd pay me, and sometimes they wouldn't." In his late 50s he was 'discovered' and recorded by folklorists Shirley Collins. ---bandmine.com

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