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1. *Shake 'Em On Down*
2. *Skinny Woman*
3. *Miss Maybelle*
4. *Rollin' & Tumblin'*
5. *Long Haired Doney*
6. *Walkin' Blues*
7. *He Ain't Your Daddy*
8. *Bad Luck And Trouble*
9. *Jumper On The Line*
10. *Goin' Down South*
11. *Alice Mae*
12. *Snake Drive*

Musicians:

R.L. Burnside - vocal, guitar

Kenny Brown - guitar

Cedric Burnside – drums

Burnside On Burnside, recorded live at the Crystal Ballroom on, well, Burnside Street in Portland, Oregon, showcases a return to an earthier sound for Mississippi Hill Country bluesman R.L. Burnside. With a backing band that includes his twenty-two year old grandson Cedric and his longtime sidekick (and stepson), guitarist Kenny Brown, the 74-year old musician delivers a red-hot set of classic raw blues.

Burnside's bent-note style of guitar playing, inspired by mentor Mississippi Fred McDowell, is a classic example of traditional Mississippi Hill Country blues. When matched with Brown's

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looping bottleneck slidework, and the younger Burnside's steady rhythms, the guitar creates an almost hypnotic tapestry upon which the bluesman embroiders his powerful vocals. At home while on any stage, Burnside tells jokes, wanders across various musical pathways, and generally plays what he wants to play.

This is no slick Chicago-styled blues, or the work of some studio-bred Texas guitarslinger, nosirree - this is primal, no-frills, rockin-the-Casbah, honest-to-god jukejoint BLOOZE, delivered straight up, with no chaser. A gem among blues albums, Burnside On Burnside captures the music's threatening ambiance and fiery essence like no other live album these ears have ever heard. --- Reverend Keith A. Gordon, blues.about.com

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