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A1 Shake 'Em On Down 4:48 A2 When My First Wife Left Me 3:46 A3 Short-Haired Woman 3:40 A4 Old Black Mattie 4:10 A5 Fireman Ring The Bell 3:58 B1 Peaches 4:15 B2 Miss Glory B. 3:24 B3 .44 Pistol 2:56 B4 Death Bell Blues 3:54 B5 Goin' Down South 5:50 Drums – Calvin Jackson Guitar – Kenny Brown Guitar, Vocals – R.L. Burnside

Too Bad Jim is cut from the same cloth as its predecessor, Bad Luck City. It features R.L. Burnside fronting a small juke joint combo, tearing through some greasy blues. However, Too Bad Jim is the better album, simply from a performance standpoint. Burnside sounds more relaxed and the band steps back from the spotlight slightly, letting the guitarist burn brightly on his own, showcasing his deep blues roots. ---Thom Owens, AllMusic Review

Mississippi throwback Burnside tears through some of his best-known material with the grimy, thumping performance style for which he was beloved. Foot-tapping, down-home, straight forward blues utterly devoid of pretension. "Fireman Ring the Bell" and "Miss Glory B." are two personal favorites of mine. ---Kenneth Bridgham, allmusic.com

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