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1 *Rockin Pneumonia and Th Eboogie Woogie Flu* 2 *Rockin Pneumonia and Th Eboogie Woogie Flu* 3 *Little Liza Jane* 4 *Everybodys Whalin* 5 *Free Single and Disengaged* 6 *Just a Lonely Clown* 7 *Dont You Just Know It* 8 *High Blood Pressure* 9 *We Like Birdland* 10 *Havin a Good Time* 11 *Dont You Know Yockomo* 12 *Well Ill Be John Brown* 13 *Would You Believe It* 14 *Genevieve* 15 *Tu Ber Cu Lucas and the Sinus Blues* 16 *Dearest Darling* 17 *Beatnik Blues* 18 *For Cryin Out Loud* 19 *She Got Low Down* 20 *Mean Mean Man* 21 *Pop Eye* 22 *Scald Dog* 23 *Little Chickee Wha Wha* 24 *I Think Youre Jiving Me*

Next to Professor Longhair and Fats Domino, no one better typified the New Orleans piano style than the work of Huey "Piano" Smith. This 24-track, single-disc compilation is the first proposed installment of Huey and the Clowns' tenure with the Jackson, Mississippi-based Ace label, home to his biggest hits. Kicking off with parts one and two of his first hit, "Rockin' Pneumonia and the Boogie Woogie Flu" (although the second part used here seems one overdub away from the single version issued), more obscure but equally worthwhile items like "Little Liza Jane," "Just a Lonely Clown," "Would You Believe It (I Have a Cold)" and "She Got Low Down" sit comfortably next to the hits ("High Blood Pressure," "Don't You Just Know It," "Tu-Ber-Cu-Lucas and the Sinus Blues," "Don't You Know Yockomo" and "Pop-Eye"), making this volume a perfect introduction to the music of this Crescent City genius. Transfers are as crisp as you could ask for, and the packaging and liner notes are equally fine. ---Cub Coda, allmusic.com

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