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01. Spoonful 5:30
02. Rock Me Baby 6:43
03. Ball And Chain 7:13
04. Watermelon Man 4:30
05. Summertime 6:32 254
06. Medley: Hound Dog/Walkin' The Dog 4:11
07. Sweet Little Angel 5:29
08. Sassy Mama 4:53

Big Mama Thornton- (Harmonica, Vocals),
John Primer- (Guitar),
Johnny Big Moose Walker- (Piano),
J.W. Williams- (Bass).

Rising Sun Collection features Big Mama on foreign soil with a good band behind her playing for the Euros in 1977. With Phil Guy and John Primer on guitar, and Johnny "Big Moose" Walker on piano, the band is truly kicking behind her as Willie Mae stretches out the tunes to a comfortable length. The tunes are old standards like "Spoonful," "Rock Me Baby," "Summertime," "Sweet Little Angel," and the inevitable "Ball and Chain," as well as the "Hound Dog-Walkin' The Dog" medley. As these kind of old tapes go, this is pretty inspired stuff and Big Mama is in good form throughout. ---Cub Koda, allmusic.com

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