Leadbelly – Memorial (1995)



1 Good Night Irene 2 T.B. Blues 3 Man Going Around Taking Names 4 Rock Island Line 5 How Long 6 Goodmorning Blues 7 John Henry 8 Pig Meat 9 On a Monday 10 Ain't You Glad 11 Old Riley 12 See See Rider 13 Meeting at the Building 14 Talking, Preaching 15 We Shall Walk Through the Valley 16 Cow Cow Yicky Yicky Yea 17 Out in the Western Plains 18 Fiddler's Dream 19 Yellow Girl 20 Green Corn 21 Noted Rider 22 Big Fat Woman 23 Burrow Love and Go 24 Bring Me Little Water Silvy 25 Julie Ann Johnson 26 Line 'Em 27 Whoe Back, Buck 28 John Hardy Leadbelly (vocals, guitar).

Leadbelly originally recorded these 28 sides for Moses Asch's Folkways label, but when Folkways was placed in bankruptcy, they were released by Herbert Harris' Stinson Records instead (Harris had been a former partner of Asch in an earlier label enterprise called Asch-Stinson Records). Now, of course, the masters of these songs reside with the Smithsonian Folkways group, which has also issued these tracks in its legacy series. It's all vintage Leadbelly, and includes his signature recordings of "Goodnight Irene," "Rock Island Line," and "Bring Me a Little Water, Silvy," along with an interesting accordion-accompanied version of the outlaw ballad "John Hardy." ---Steve Leggett, allmusic.com

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