



## TOMMY GUERRERO

### Loose Grooves & Bastard Blues

Label

**BE WITH RECORDS**

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## DESCRIPTION

*Loose Grooves & Bastard Blues* is **Tommy Guerrero**'s sublime debut. Of this beloved masterpiece, the legendary skater himself says: "My first album. It was never meant to be released. I was just recording for the fun of it. Still my fave. Oh so naïve." It's definitely Be With's favorite too. An astonishingly great record. A chill, blissful, deeply moving album, it was rightly garlanded as an instant classic. A laidback, fusionistic ride replete with loopy drum tracks underpinning Tommy's trademark reflective guitar stylings, *Loose Grooves & Bastard Blues* remains powerfully evergreen. Originally released in 1997, there's elements of jazz, trip hop, rock and downtempo groove. All shot through with a heavy dose of soul. Thirteen tracks of lo-fi (mostly) instrumental freshness fused with Cuban, Latin and blues, it's a must for fans of **Money Mark**, **J Dilla**, **RJD2**, **DJ Shadow**, and **Pete Rock**. As ever with Tommy's records, the title sums up the music contained within most aptly. And writing about his songs, his vibes, is one of the trickier things to do, it has to be said. A total vibe throughout, to blast *Loose Grooves & Bastard Blues* is a majestic experience, one that suits a start-to-finish listen and renders the picking out of highlights totally redundant. Featuring nagging, deeply melodic guitar lines – both electric and acoustic – over simple rhythms with such sumptuous elegance, the hypnotic playing against unrushed percussion releases a crystal clear stream of healing frequencies. This album laid the blueprint from which Tommy Guerrero would subsequently explore further on *A Little Bit of Somethin'* (BEWITH 024LP) and *Soul Food Taquiera*. Meticulously remastered and cut by both **Simon Francis** and **Cicely Balston** respectively, it has been pressed to the highest possible quality at Record Industry in Holland. The original and iconic sleeve, designed by **Natas Kaupas**, has been restored here at Be With HQ as the finishing touch to this long overdue re-issue. Part of Be With's Tommy Guerrero reissue campaign. 140g vinyl.

## TRACKLISTING

- A1. B.W.s Blues
- A2. So Blue It's Black
- A3. Keep On Keepin On
- A4. Azule
- A5. Black Sheep Blues
- A6. 30
- B1. Pollo Caliente
- B2. Never
- B3. Solow
- B4. Introspection Section
- B5. Gone
- B6. In My Head
- B7. Soul Miner

## HIGHLIGHTS

- *Loose Grooves & Bastard Blues* is **Tommy Guerrero**'s debut album, originally released in 1997.
- There's elements of jazz, trip hop, rock and downtempo groove, all shot through with a heavy dose of soul, featuring thirteen tracks of lo-fi (mostly) instrumental freshness fused with Cuban, Latin and blues.
- RIYL: **Money Mark**, **J Dilla**, **RJD2**, **DJ Shadow**, **Pete Rock**.

Also available:

(BEWITH 024LP) GUERRERO, TOMMY: *A Little Bit Of Somethin'* 2LP  
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(BEWITH 065LP) GUERRERO, TOMMY: *From The Soil To The Soul* 2LP  
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