



VA Living Country Blues USA Vol.2: Blues On Highway 61

Label

L+R RECORDS

Format

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Territory

NORTH AMERICAN EXCLUSIVE

Genre

FILE UNDER - V/A - ROCK

DESCRIPTION

Living Country Blues USA is a series of albums on L+R Records. The material was collected by German blues experts **Siegfried A. Christmann** and **Axel Küstner** on an extended trip thru the south of the USA in the fall of 1980, in the form of so-called "Field-Recordings" – recordings made in the natural surroundings of the artists and not in the studio. Travelling 10,000 miles by car in two and a half months, they used 180,000 feet of tape and took hundreds of photographs to document various aspects of country blues, as well as work songs, fife and drum band music, field hollers and rural Gospel music, performed by 35 artists, some of whom appear on record for the first time. *Blues On Highway 61* features **James "Son" Thomas, Sam Chatmon, Walter Brown, Joe Cooper, Cleveland Broomman, and Eddie Cusie**. Feeling lonesome, being down and out, nowhere to go, walking the highway up and down, riding the Greyhound bus, catching a freight train – all central themes in blues, and the men you can hear on this record have lived the blues and this was reality to them. The blues has always been more than just one person's story, they are reflections and descriptions of a common lifestyle and experience. These artists tell the truth – the truth about being a black man in Mississippi, across the United States. The artists you can hear on this record all came from the same region of Mississippi. Their communities were centered around 61 Highway and lay only a couple of miles apart. Many blues have been made about 61 Highway. Linking rural Louisiana and Mississippi with northern industrial areas, thousands of blacks have travelled this road in hopes of a better life and future.

TRACKLISTING

01. **James "Son" Thomas** - Standing At The Crossroads
02. **Sam Chatmon** - Stop And Listen Blues
03. **James "Son" Thomas** - Bull Cow Blues
04. **James "Son" Thomas** - 61 Highway Blues
05. **Walter Brown** - Keep On Walkin'
06. **Joe Cooper** - She Put Me Out On The Road
07. **Sam Chatmon** - Sam's Blues
08. **Sam Chatmon** - Black Night
09. **James "Son" Thomas** - Mean Ol' Frisco
10. **Sam Chatmon** - My Daddy Was A Jockey
11. **Eddie Cusie** - Gonna Cut You Loose
12. **Sam Chatmon** - Vicksburg Blues

HIGHLIGHTS

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