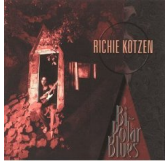


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01. *Gone Tommorrow Blues*
02. *Tied to You*
03. *They're Red Hot*
04. *Tobacco Road*
05. *Broken Man Blues*
06. *The Thrill Is Gone*
07. *From Four Till Late*
08. *A Step Away*
09. *Burn It Down*
10. *No Kinda Hero*
11. *Richie's Boogie*

Musicians: Richie Kotzen (vocals, organ, Wurlitzer organ, bass guitar, drums); Rob Harrington (bass on "Tobacco Road" & "Thrill Is Gone"); Matt Luneau (drums).

Every rock guitarist at some point in their career will make a blues album, and in this respect, Richie Kotzen is no different to anybody else. What sets him apart though, is his choice of material which shows that he does not follow the well trodden path of others, using no over-used blues standards as might have been expected. When approaching albums such as this, one is always thinking "sell-out" or "pad-out" - i.e. putting an album out just to fulfill recording contract requirements, but this is genuine, heartfelt material and the choice of "Tobacco Road" rams this point well and truly home - it is awesome in it's delivery and execution and certainly not a song that you would expect to find on a blues oriented album. As ever, Ritchie's guitar is clipped, to the point and well balanced, not the meandering, lengthy and pointless solo's that so many lay down these days and of course then there is his achingly beautiful voice that can soar over the song or cut through it like a knife through butter - just wonderful stuff! --- J. M. Green "john94682" (Sutton Coldfield)

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