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01. *I'll Go Crazy* 2:51 02. *Ike* 5:15 03. *Those Lonely, Lonely Nights* 2:30 04. *Fonky* 3:40 05. *She's In New Orleans* 3:33 06. *You Send Me* 3:54 07. *Just A Little Bit* 2:53 08. *Chameleon* 4:12 09. *Church House Blues* 4:13 10. *Somebody Tell Me* 3:34 11. *I Love Country Girls* 3:18 12. *You're Still My Baby* 5:04 13. *More And More* 3:02 14. *Cry All Night Long* 4:02 15. *Green Onions* 3:40 Little Joe Washington (vocals, guitar); Johnny Moeller (guitar); Kaz Kazanoff (saxophone); Al Gomez (trumpet); Nick Connelly (piano, organ); Jason Moeller (drums).

He may not be well-known, but Texas bluesman Little Joe Washington is certainly well-traveled. Raised in Houston's roughneck Third Ward, where the legendary Sam "Lightnin'" Hopkins held court, Washington began playing music as a child, eventually earning a place on the drum stool behind Albert Collins. He later toured with Roscoe Gordon as his guitarist, recorded in L.A. with the Champs and as a solo artist, and performed with his band on the dangerous El Paso/Juarez Mexico circuit. Essentially homeless throughout much of the 1980s and '90s, the new millennium has led to a rebirth for the singer and guitarist, and *Texas Fire Line* is his second album since 2003 for the Texas-based Dialtone Records label. Washington mixes the spicy R&B of his youth with a hard-lived, downtrodden blues sound that is as real as a rock upside the head. *Texas Fire Line* features a band that includes Fabulous Thunderbirds Johnny (guitar) and Jason (drums) Moeller, but the album is an unvarnished showcase for the overlooked talents of Little Joe Washington. ---- blues.about.com

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