Joe Beard – For Real (1998)



- 1. Drinking Old Taylor
- 2. Don't Start Me Talkin'
- 3. It's Up To You
- 4. CC Rider
- 5. Dirty Groundhog
- 6. Reap What You Sow
- 7. Elem
- 8. Who's Using Who
- 9. Things I Used To Do
- 10. If That's What Pleases Her
- 11. She's Wonderful
- 12. 37 Years Old
- 13. Airplane Blues

Line Up:

Joe Beard - Guitar / Vocals
Duke Robillard / Guitar
Bruce Katz - Piano / Hammond
Rod Carey - Bass
Per Hanson - Drums
Jerry Portnoy – Harmonica

This has well-presented variations of old-style blues, from acoustic ("Dirty Groundhog"), to slow burners ("Elem"), to Chicago/Muddy Waters style ("Who's Using Who"). Duke Robillard graciously acts in his role as a team player, although he stands out with a hip solo on "If That's What Pleases Her." Portney's harp on "She's Wonderful" is slow and easy, reminiscent of a hot summer's day in the country. --- Char Ham, allmusic.com

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