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1. Long Leanie Mama 2. My Starter Won't Work (Alt Take) 3. It's Mighty Crazy (Alt Take) 4. Blues At Night 5. I'm Leavin' You Baby (Alt Take) 6. Feelin' Awful Blue 7. Sweet Little Woman (Alt Take) 8. Lightnin's Troubles 9. I Gonna Leave 10. Rooster Blues (Alt Take) 11. G.I. Slim 12. Driftin Blues 13. Too Close Blues 14. My Little Angel Child 15. Greyhound Blues 16. I Just Don't Know 17. Somebody Knockin' 18. Just A Lonely Stranger 19. Cool Down Baby 20. Nothin' But The Devil 21. Goin' Away Blues 22. I'm Tired Waitin' Baby 23. Death Valley Blues 24. Hello Mary Lee Lightnin' Slim (vocals, guitar); Lazy Lester (harmonica).

This 24-song collection undoubtedly overlaps with some of the U.S.-issued Excello material -- including the same alternate takes of "Rooster Blues" and "It's Mighty Crazy" -- but there's just enough that they don't share to make this worth a look, if not a purchase, by owners of the U.S. material. The sound, as is usual with Ace, is excellent, and the stuff is worthy of inclusion with the best of Slim's work. Among the best tracks here are two outtakes unique to this set at this time, "I'm Leavin' You Baby," on which Slim steps over into Howlin' Wolf territory ("Moanin' at Midnight," etc.), and "Sweet Little Woman," where he crosses swords with Sonny Boy Williamson II. ---Bruce Eder, allmusic.com

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