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01 - Intro By Spider 02 - Teardrops Are Falling 03 - Love That Woman 04 - Key To the Highway 05 - I'm a Man 06 - Crazy 'Bout You Baby 07 - Big Boss Man 08 - Juke 09 - Goin' Down Slow 10 - Woke Up This Mornin' 11 - Harp Stomp George Harmonica Smith - Vocals & harmonica Buddy Reed - Guitar & vocals Jerry Smith - Bass Roger Rotoli - Drums Bullet Bill Tarsha - Harmonica on tracks 3, 5, 7, 10, 11

These live recordings, done just before George's passing in 1983, show just what a GREAT HARPSMAN George was capable of being, live in person. The band ably backs George on this CD, but it's guitarist Buddy Reed in particular who is the standout, being the perfect foil to George's Harp. Reed's guitar has the intensity of a Luther Tucker, or a young Buddy Guy, with a wicked tone to match! George plays a TERRIFIC "Juke" on here, claiming he'd never met, or heard of Little Walter, while introducing the song, (very funny George!). George Harmonica Smith remains one of the true GIANTS of West Coast Harp and proves himself so on these recordings. --- Mark Hummel, Editorial Reviews

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