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1. *Courtbouillon* 2. *It's Lonesome in Prison* 3. *Bosco Blues, The* 4. *Convict Waltz, The* 5. *Vie Malheureuse, La* 6. *Chère Alice* 7. *Hathaway Two-Step, The* 8. *Nobody Wants Me* 9. *Patassa Two-Step, The* 10. *Valse de la Belle* 11. *Flammes de L'Enfer, Les* 12. *Kaplan Waltz, The* 13. *Midland Two-Step, The* 14. *She Made Me Lose My Mind* Personnel: Steve Riley (vocals, guitar, fiddle, accordion); Wayne Toups (vocals, accordion); Wilson Savoy (vocals, guitar, fiddle, accordion)

“It’s all about the music!” Wayne said to me the first time Courtbouillon played together. That makes sense on a lot of levels. Here are three guys, leaders of three of the most successful contemporary Cajun bands, drawn together by nostalgia for the music they grew up listening to. I hesitate to say “music of the past.” These aren’t old songs, these are their songs- our songs- they’re as timeless to the Cajuns as the Star-Spangled Banner is to Americans. Cajun music is folk music- it’s music by the people for the people, but most of you know Wayne, Steve and Wilson as the great bandleaders they are, standing onstage in front of thousands giving themselves to their audience. Here’s a chance to have them in your living room as three friends playing for each other. What a treat! The record was made with that feeling in mind. I wanted to capture that raw passion coming from these guys as they poured themselves into these beautiful songs and the job was easy enough! Standing around one day after a session Wayne looked at us with tears in his eyes and thanked us for letting him be a part of this. This music means so much to these guys. I hope you enjoy it! --- valcourrecords.com

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