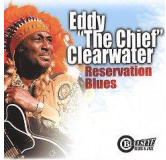


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1. *Winds Of Change* 4:55 2. *I Wouldn't Lay My Guitar Down* 4:27 3. *Find Yourself* 5:35 4. *Reservation Blues* 6:15 5. *Walls Of Hate* 3:57 6. *Running Along* 7:41 7. *Blues Cruise* 6:01 8. *Susie-q* 2:57 9. *Easy Is My Style* 3:53 10. *Everything To Gain* 5:03 11. *Sweet Little Rock & Roller* 4:06 Musicians: Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater (vocals, guitar); Duke Robillard (guitar); Carey Bell (harmonica); Dennis Taylor, Doug James (saxophone); Matt McCabe (piano); John Packer, Patrick McKeever (bass); Jeff McAllister (drums, percussion).

Eddy Clearwater is equally talented as a blues singer and as an improvising guitarist. On *Reservation Blues*, he ranges from Chicago blues to rock & roll, throwing in a couple instrumentals too. His repertoire includes both socially relevant lyrics and good-time music, featuring some of the latter when the former gets a bit too somber. Although there are some solid solos from his supporting players (including three guitar spots for Duke Robillard, two fine solos from tenor saxophonist Dennis Taylor, and a guest appearance by Carey Bell on harmonica during "Find Yourself"), Clearwater is the main star throughout. Fortunately, he is heard in prime form, whether happily jamming "I Wouldn't Lay My Guitar Down" and "Blues Cruise" or singing in a more serious mood on "Winds of Change" and "Everything to Gain." A gem. ---Scott Yanow, Rovi

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