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1 29 Miles 3:38 2 Walkin' Thru The Park 3:43 3 I Got Wise 3:42 4 Short Haired Woman 2:49 5 Birmingham 3:21 6 Hide And Seek 2:55 7 Jelly Jelly 5:54 8 Red White And Blues 4:31 9 The Shuffle Master 3:46 10 That's Alright Mama 3:23 11 Stone Blues 4:07 Acoustic Bass – Bob Kommersmith Backing Vocals – Clifford Curry (tracks: 5), Mary-Ann Brandon (tracks: 3), The Of Chorus (tracks: 5) Drums, Lead Vocals – Sam Lay Harmonica – Billy C. Farlow Organ [Hammond] – Phil Rugh (tracks: 7) Piano – Jay Spell

Chicago blues drummer Sam Lay's creditiantals speak for themselves. At various times his patented shuffle beat has been heard on classic discs by Howlin' Wolf, the initial version of the Butterfield Blues Band, Bob Dylan (when he first went electric), James Cotton, Muddy Waters, and the list goes on. This session, recorded in 1994, dosen't rival any of those past acheivements. However Stone Blues does have its classic moments including "Red White and Blues" with burning harp provided by Billy Farlow, "Walkin' Thru the Park" with Lay doing a vocal imitation of Muddy Waters that is dead on and the Bo Diddley shuffle of "I Got Wise." No big suprises here, just a consistantly great performance. ---Al Campbell, AllMusic Review

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