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Howlin' Wolf – vocals, guitar Sunnyland Slim – piano Hubert Sumlin - guitar L. V. Williams – guitar David Myers – bass Fred Below – drums Eddie Shaw - Tenor Saxophone

While Howlin' Wolf would never experience the sort of late-career renaissance enjoyed by his friend and number one competitor Muddy Waters during the mid-1970s, he could still display a measure of the electricity he once had when the spirit so moved him. Such a performance can be found on *Live And Cookin' At Alice's Revisited*, released in 1972 as the only live album released during Wolf's lifetime. Chess and producer Ralph Bass unknowingly captured lightning in a bottle, providing Wolf with one last shot at immortality (he would release only one more studio album, 1973's *The Back Door Wolf*, before his death in 1976).

Live And Cookin' At Alice's Revisited documents a January 1972 performance at a converted coffeehouse on the North side of Chicago called *Alice's Revisited*. For the record, Wolf was backed by his longtime musical foils – guitarist Hubert Sumlin and pianist Sunnyland Slim – as well as legendary drummer Fred Below, second guitarist L.V. Williams, former Little Walter bassist Dave Myers, and Chicago blues institution, saxophonist Eddie Shaw. It's a sad commentary on Wolf's status at the time that a few days after this now-legendary gig, Wolf and the band were opening for Alice Cooper in Los Angeles...an odd and ill-fitting pairing if ever there was one. --- Reverend Keith A. Gordon, About.com Guide

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