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## **Lonnie Johnson - Another Night To Cry (1962/2018)**



1 Another Night To Cry 2 I Got News For You, Baby 3 Blues After Hours 4 You Didn't Mean What You Said 5 Fine Booze And Heavy Dues 6 I've Got To Get Rid Of You 7 Bow Legged Baby 8 Make Love To Me, Baby 9 Lots Of Loving 10 A Story About Barbara 11 Goodbye Kitten Lonnie Johnson - Composer, Guitar, Keyboards, Violin, Vocals

Lonnie Johnson, a talented vocalist and guitarist who chose to spend much of his life playing blues (although in the 1920s he recorded with some of the top jazz stars), recorded his fifth effort for Prestige/Bluesville -- a solo set. "Blues After Hours" is an instrumental that shows off his jazz roots and many of the 11 songs (all of which are Johnson originals) have spots for his guitar. Since there are only about 34 minutes on this set, and none of the individual songs even reach four minutes, this is not one of the more essential Johnson releases to own, but it does have its strong moments. ---Scott Yanow, AllMusic Review

Singer-songwriter-musician Alonzo "Lonnie" Johnson was born on February 8, 1899 in New Orleans. Johnson was a musical pioneer for, among other reasons, his work with the electric guitar and the electric violin.

Besides the fact he created some great music, he has been credited with creating the note-by-note guitar solo style that became common in many kinds of music. His career spanned decades, starting with his jazz and blues work in the 1920s and 1930s. And after World War II, he had some success as an R&B performer, although he eventually ended up taking other labor

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jobs to support himself.

Johnson died on June 16, 1970 in Toronto. He had been in poor health following getting hit by a car in March 1969. Because he had no money when he died, in 2014 the Killer Blues Headstone Project paid for the headstone on his grave. ---chimesfreedom.com

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