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A1 Why I Love The Blues 4:00 A2 Little Red Rooster 4:23 A3 4:00 In The Morning 3:11 A4 Five Long Years 4:15 A5 Dust My Broom 3:33 B1 Love Me Mama 3:54 B2 The Sky Is Crying 5:32 B3 You Gotta Help Me 3:45 B4 You Done Lost Your Good Thing Now 3:33 B5 Bloomington Closer 5:13 Bass – Robert "Big Mojo" Elem Drums – Bob Richey (tracks: A2 to A4, B3 to B5), Bobby Davis Guitar – Jimmy Dawkins (tracks: A2, A5, B1, B2) Guitar, Vocals – Luther Allison Tenor Saxophone – Jim Conley (tracks: A2, A5)

Although it has its moments -- particularly on the title track -- Luther Allison's debut album, *Love Me Mama*, is on the whole uneven, featuring more mediocre tracks than killer cuts. Nevertheless, it offers intriguing glimpses of the style he would later develop. ---Thom Owens, AllMusic Review

Luther Allison was the most popular and critically acclaimed blues artist of 1996, winning 5 W.C. Handy Awards and Living Blues Awards for Blues Artist of the Year, Most Outstanding Guitarist, Best Live Performer, Best Album and Best Song. Allison is a member of the elite group of Chicago bluesmen who originated what has become known as the "West Side" sound. Recorded in 1969, *Love Me Mama* was Luther's very first album and it outsold any other Delmark album issued by an artist not already established with an R&B single. ---delmark.com

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