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## Otis Rush - Screamin' And Cryin' (1974)



1. Looking Back - 5:22 <u>play</u> 2. You're Gonna Need Me - 7:50 3. It's My Own Fault - 7:13 4. I Can't Quit You Baby - 5:35 5. Every Day I Have The Blues - 5:56 6. A Beautiful Memory - 7:51 7. I Got News For You - 4:49 <u>play</u> 8. I Can't Quit You Baby - 6:03

Personnel: Otis Rush - Guitar, Vocals Jimmy Dawkins - Guitar Willie Mabon - Piano James Green - Bass; Bob Plunkett - Drums Sunnyland Slim - Piano tr.1 Jerome Van Jones - Organ, Piano tr.4

Otis Rush's crunching guitar and vocals were never more emphatic than during the '70s when it seemed that he would actually find the pop attention and mass stardom he deserved. These mid-'70s tracks were originally cut for the Black and Blue label, with Rush playing grinding, relentless riffs and creating waves of sonic brilliance through creatively repeated motifs, jagged notes, and sustained lines and licks, while hollering, screaming, moaning, and wailing. Jimmy Dawkins, an outstanding lead artist in his own right, has also long been one of Chicago's great rhythm artists and shows it by adding plenty of tinkling, crackling figures and lines in the backgrounds. While not as consistently riveting as his live Evidence date, this one is also a valuable Rush document. ~ Ron Wynn

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