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Jimmy Murphy - Sixteen Tons of Rock & Roll (1989)



1.Sixteen Tons Rock 'n' Roll play 2.My Gal Dottie 3.Granpaw's A Cat 4.Baboon Boogie 5.I'm Looking For A Mustard Patch 6.Put Some Meat On Them Bones 7.Here Kitty Kitty 8.Sweet Sweet Lips 9.Electricity 10.Big Mama Blues 11.That First Guitar Of Mine 12.Love That Satisfies play 13.Educated Fool 14.Ramblin' Heart 15.We Live A Long, Long Time 16.Mother Where Is Your Daughter Tonight Chet Atkins Guitar Anita Carter Bass Robert Foster Guitar (Steel) Tommy Jackson Fiddle Jimmy Murphy Guitar, Leader, Vocals Ernest Ernie Newton Bass Onie Wheeler Harmonica Chuck Wright Bass

The complete recordings of Jimmy Murphy for RCA and Columbia Records, strangely enough assembled far out of sequence, although one can sequence the songs properly on one's player. The sound is raw and usually pretty bluesy, with Murphy's lively acoustic guitar playing sparking all of it. The subjects and sentiments are a strange mix of contemporary pop culture and what were already dated notions of religion and morality (after all, the Rural Electrification Act had pretty well removed the wonder, if not the novelty, of electricity from a lot of the South, or at least the white population of the South, during the 1930s), making this an extraordinary and unique body of work. The sound, as usual, is excellent, and the sessionography and notes are very thorough. ---Bruce Eder, AllMusic Review

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