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K.C. Douglas – Mercury Blues (1998)



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Spare electric blues from 1973-74 with a juke-joint feel, including a version of "Mercury Blues," tcovered by Steve Miller and Alan Jackson. Originally released on LP on Arhoolie 1073, the CD reissue adds a dozen previously unissued bonus cuts, taken from sessions in 1960, 1963, 1973, and 1974. It's competent but unexceptional country-blues with added electricity and a rhythm section, and pretty similar-sounding most of the way through. "I'm Gonna Build Me a Web," the 1963 track, stands out here as the piano and sax add some needed texture; the three 1960 songs are solo acoustic performances. --- Richie Unterberger, allmusic.com

"...the real highpoint of this album is the high-energy exchanges between Douglas' guitar and vocals and the spirited harmonica playing of Richard Riggins. It's old time country blues, guitar, harmonica bass and drums, that on songs like his covers of Tommy Johnson's 'Canned Heat' and 'Catfish Blues,' give testimony to the accomplishments of a very talented, and much underappreciated, blues artist." --- Kirk Robertson, arhoolie.com

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