Leadbelly - Alabama Bound (1989)



- 1. Pick A Bale Of Cotton 3:03
- 2. Whoa, Back Buck 3:08
- 3. Midnight Special 3:06
- 4. Alabama Bound 3:05
- 5. Good Morning Blues 2:54
- 6. The Red Cross Store Blues 3:08
- 7. Alberta 3:12
- 8. You Can't Lose-A Me Cholly 3:06
- 9. Gray Goose 3:04
- 10. Stewball 3:02
- 11. Can't You Line 'Em 2:57
- 12. Rock Island Line 2:39
- 13. Easy Rider 3:12
- 14. New York City 3:03
- 15. Roberta 3:03
- 16. I'm On My Last Go-Round 3:11

Guitar – Leadbelly Vocals – Henry Owens (tracks: 1 to 4, 9 to 12), Leadbelly, Arlandus Wilson (tracks: 1 to 4 9 to 12), William Langford (tracks: 1 to 4, 9 to 12), Willie Johnson (tracks: 1 to 4, 9 to 12)

In its time, this was a fine little collection, containing 16 of the 26 sides that Leadbelly recorded for RCA's Bluebird label during June of 1940, eight of which feature the singer/guitarist working with the gospel group the Golden Gate Quartet. Not all of those link-ups work, as Leadbelly was a pretty substantial performing personality and didn't need the company, and the Golden Gate Quartet members don't always sound comfortable doing a brand of music that is more raw and earthy than the gospel-oriented songs they were accustomed to recording. Overall, however, these commercial recordings were among the best of Leadbelly's career and are worth tracking down. ---Bruce Eder, AllMusic Review

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