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*LONNIE JOHNSON was one of the most influential and original blues musicians and one of the first great modern blues guitarists. For more than 40 years, Johnson played blues, jazz, and ballads his way; he was a true blues originator whose influence hung heavy on a host of subsequent blues immortals. His harmonically advanced and fluid style influenced everyone from ROBERT JOHNSON and CHARLIE CHRISTIAN to T-BONE WALKER and B.B. KING.*

A prolific recording artist, Johnson's career extended from the mid - 1920's to the late 1960s. He recorded hundreds of songs along the way as both a featured artist and an accompanist. Many of his recordings transcended the blues style and incorporated everything from jazz to pop; such was Johnson's amazing versatility. In terms of the blues his most productive period was from 1925, the year he began his recording career, to approximately 1932. It was during that time that Johnson's influence as a guitar master was most felt and that the bulk of his best blues and blues-flavored recordings was released.

Johnson's ability to cross over from blues to jazz and back again was unusual amongst bluesmen of his generation. He brought to his blues guitar playing a level of sophistication that contrasted vividly with the often bitter directness of the lyrics he sang. His mellow singing voice, allied to his excellent diction, helped to make him one of the first rhythm balladeers. Johnson was inducted into the Blues Foundation's Hall of Fame in 1990.

8th February 1894 to 16th June 1970.

- 1 Mr Johnson Blues
- 2 Roamin Rambler Blues
- 3 Guitar Blues
- 4 Winnie The Wailer
- 5 No More Trouble Now
- 6 There Ain't No Justice
- 7 Have To Change Keys To Play These
- 8 A Broken Heart That Never Smiles
- 9 Tin Can Alley Blues
- 10 Away Down The Alley Blues
- 11 Stomping 'Em Along Slow
- 12 Uncle Ned Don't Lose Your Head
- 13 Bull Frog Man
- 14 Lo And Moan
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