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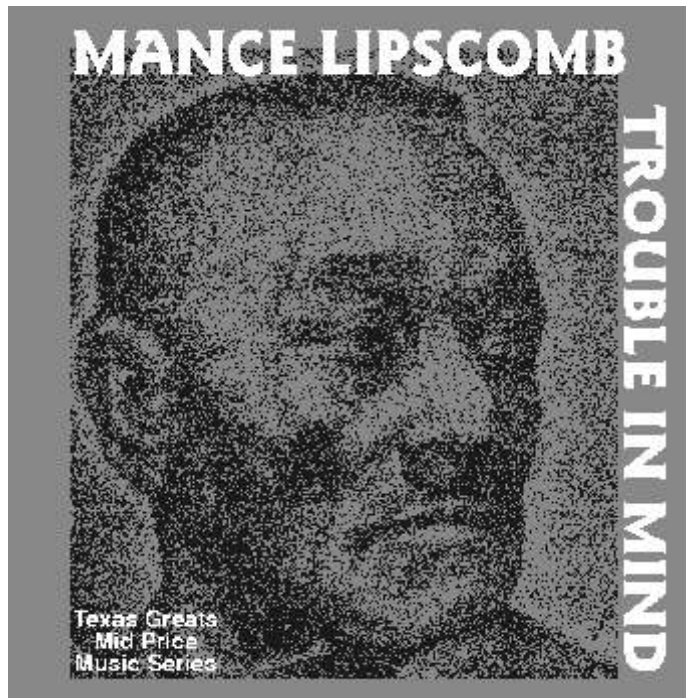
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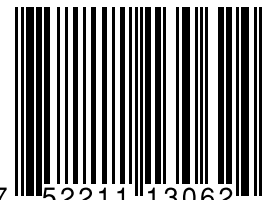
These recordings date from an impromptu jam session held at Mance's home back in 1964. A young fan named Joe Kosmo befriended Mance and let the tape roll. He's playing a twelve-string Stella guitar, which was unusual as Mance normally played a standard six-string.

It's been over twenty years since Mance Lipscomb passed away but folks are still buying his records and books are still being written about him. He wasn't a bluesman in the traditional sense like Lightnin' Hopkins. He was much more than that. His repertoire is said to exceed over 600 songs, probably more. His skill was equally apparent playing blues, reels, breakdowns, waltzes, polkas, you name it. Whatever he played, though, he made it all his own.

"When I get to playing, I go out of the bounds of reason' cause when I start, I don't like to stop. As long as it looks like they are paying attention to me, I can play all night for 'em". Mance has played festivals from coast to coast, often sharing the bill with Lightnin' Hopkins, Freddie King, Mississippi Fred McDowell and a host of other established blues performers. By the '70s he was playing concerts in Europe and there was a documentary made on him called A Well Spent Life. This is highly recommended viewing as it provides a deeply moving glimpse into his home life and shows what a kind and gentle person he was. In 1976 he entered Grimes hospital where he died.

Amanda Sulak

- 1 Corrina Corrina
- 2 Rock Me Mama
- 3 Mama Don't Allow
- 4 Getaway Blues
- 5 Shine On Harvest Moon
- 6 Good As I Am To You
- 7 Baby Please Don't Go
- 8 Getaway Blues
- 9 Trouble In Mind
- 10 Going Down Slow
- 11 Night Time
- 12 Long Way To Tipperary
- 13 So Different Blues
- 14 Ella Speed
- 15 See You Mama Every Night
- 16 Late Hours Blues
- 17 Nobody Cares For Me
- 18 Shorty George Cut Down



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