Deep Down in the Mud

Some struggle and strive and try to achieve
Whatever they call success
Some brainwashed into thinking
that they must go out and buy
So many things to fill their emptiness
Some prosper in the business of real estate
Others can’t even afford to pay the rent
So tell me my friend is it really success
If it comes at others expense

Blood runs thicker than water
Honey runs thicker than blood
None run as thick as that old black gold
Deep down in the mud
You’re stuck in traffic in a big shiny car
As a symbol of your independenence
With your flag of freedom rustling in the wind
Just tell me at who’s expense

Katrina dealt a deadly blow
The whole Gulf Coast was a mess
They came all the way from old Mexico
To help the neighbors in their distress
The flood in New Orleans took many a life
A way out some just couldn’t find
It’s expensive if you want to try
to save everyone
And they had to be left behind

Well help it came but is often the case
For many it came too late
It took the Mayor 24 hours
to make up his mind
And then we have the President of the United States
Who was on vacation
and could not be disturbed
and to him I guess that made sense
Cause some things are important
and others must wait
No matter what the expense

Blood runs thicker than water
Honey runs thicker than blood
None run as thick as that old black gold
Deep down in the mud
You’re stuck in traffic in a big shiny car
You may choke on one of your freedom fries
As it slowly sinks in
you’ve been fooled all along
And fed a whole bunch of lies

Robert Lighthouse
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I first saw Robert perform in the early '90s at City Blues Cafe at the urging of some musician friends. I was blown away. In his solo shows he took me on trips way down into the Delta. I have yet to see anyone else pull off the dual guitar/harmonica riffs the way Robert does. His band performances were an equally great journey traveling through Chicago and ending up deep in Electric Ladyland.

Deep Down in the Mud is the long awaited follow up to Robert's acclaimed first Right on Rhythm CD, Drive-Thru Love. Like the first, on the acoustic side, this one shows his continuing appreciation for the music of Dr. Ross and Robert Johnson. The acoustic set also includes cuts from Muddy Waters and R.L. Burnside.

Fans and new listeners will also appreciate the chance to experience the sound and energy of Robert when he's playing with his band. Robert pours himself into his instrument, whether it's an Elmore James shuffle, a Willie Dixon slide, a take on a Funkadelic song or his love of the "Left-hander from Seattle."

Deep Down in the Mud also includes two Robert Lighthouse originals. One takes you to the Delta; the other — the title cut — is a biting social commentary done in the folk traditions of Woody Guthrie and Phil Ochs about the government’s response to the disaster that was and continues to be Hurricane Katrina.

I still am blown away.

I hope you will be too when you track through this disc.

— Wayne Kahn, Right on Rhythm

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1. Last Fair Deal Gone Down  
   Robert Johnson  
   3:39

2. Stuck in the Mud  
   Robert Palinic  
   Palisound  
   4:27

3. Preachin the Blues  
   Robert Johnson  
   Palisound  
   (Up Jumped the Devil)  
   4:45

4. Deep Down in the Mud  
   Robert Palinic  
   Palisound  
   3:50

5. Long Haired Donny  
   RL Burnside  
   Bug Music o/b/o Tradition Music  
   2:49

6. Cat Squirrel Blues  
   Isaiah Ross  
   Trianon Publications  
   2:22

7. Turkey Leg Woman  
   Isaiah Ross  
   Bug Music o/b/o Tradition Music  
   3:45

8. Champagne and Reefer  
   Muddy Waters  
   Bug Music o/b/o Watertoons Music  
   6:04

9. Red Hot Mama  
   Elmore James  
   ARC Music Corp.  
   4:20

10. All Your Love  
    Magic Sam Maghett  
    Bug Music o/b/o Leric Music/Conrad Music  
    4:33

11. Red Hot Mama  
    George Clinton Jr.  
    Songs of Universal o/b/o Gold Forever Music  
    3:51

12. Meet Me in the Bottom  
    Willie Dixon  
    Bug Music o/b/o Hoochie Coochie Music  
    5:10

13. Spanish Castle Magic  
    Jimi Hendrix  
    Experience Hendrix LLC  
    7:45

Acoustic cuts recorded at Chief Ikes Mambo Room. 
Band cuts recorded at the Zoo Bar.

Band: 
Tom Kirk – Bass 
Mike Sedgely – Drums
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