BIG BILL'S GUITAR (HANS THEESSINK - AKM)

THE FIRST TIME I HEARD THE BLUES - SOME THIRTY YEARS AGO
THE FIRST TIME I HEARD BIG BILL BROONZY - ON LATE-NIGHT RADIO
A TOTAL REVELATION - I WAS SPELLBOUND
JUST A WHITE BOY LOST IN THE BLUES - HE MOVED ME WITH HIS SOUND

ECHOES FROM ANOTHER WORLD - FINGERS DANCING ON THE STRINGS ONE VOICE AND ONE GUITAR - HOW THAT MAN COULD SING "JUST A DREAM" - "BLACK, BROWN AND WHITE"
TRUE SOUNDS FULL OF EMOTION - SENT SHIVERS UP AND DOWN MY SPINE

HOOKED ON BLUES - AND BIG BILL IS TO BLAME SINCE THAT NIGHT, HIS MUSIC MOVED ME - MY LIFE AIN'T BEEN THE SAME

NOW I'M FLYING CROSS THE OCEAN - TO BURY A FRIEND OF MINE STILL CAN'T ACCEPT THE BITTER TRUTH - MEMORIES KEEP COMING TO MY MIND ONCE HE SPOKE OF BLUESMEN THAT HE KNEW - AND TOOK ME IN HIS CAR SHOWED ME AN OLD 000-28 MARTIN FLATTOP - USED TO BE BIG BILL'S GUITAR

SHE'S IN CHICAGO - OLD TOWN SCHOOL OF FOLK MUSIC - IN A CLOSET - 'HIND A DOOR SINCE BIG BILL'S DEAD AND GONE - SHE DON'T RAISE HER VOICE NO MORE I FELT A STRANGE SENSATION - WHEN I FIRST TOUCHED THOSE STRINGS SOMEHOW I STILL COULD SENSE THE HANDS - THAT USED TO MAKE THIS GUITAR RING

(Recorder on HOOKED ON BLUES)

MISSISSIPPI (Hans Theessink - AKM)

STARTING OUT OF MEMPHIS - HIGHWAY 61 TRACES OF THE PLACES WHERE THE BLUES BEGAN SUN IS BLAZING - HORIZON FAR ECHOES OF A NATIONAL STEELGUITAR

DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI (4X) WHERE THE BLUES WAS BORN

YAZOO RIVER ROLLING THROUGH THE LAND CRADLE OF THE BLUES - THAT DELTALAND COTTONFIELDS - CATFISHFARMS STEADY-ROCKING RHYTHM SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME

DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI.....

WADE WALTON'S BARBERSHOP - BACKROOM BOOZE SHAVE AND A HAIRCUT - LOTS OF RHYTHM 'N BLUES GREENVILLE JUKEJOINT - SATURDAY NIGHT GET DOWN 'N BOOGIE TILL THE MORNING-LIGHT

DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI.....

BROKENDOWN CHEVY ON A MUDDY TRACK TEN PEOPLE SHARING A TWO-ROOM SHACK FOLKS SO POOR - NOTHING TO LOOSE GET RELIGION OR THAT LOWDOWN BLUES

DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI.....

CHARLY PATTON, FRED MCDOWELL, WILLIE BROWN SON HOUSE, SON THOMAS - THAT DELTA SOUND

BLACK MAN'S HEART - BLACK MAN'S SOUL BO DIDDLEY, MUDDY WATERS AND HOWLING WOLF

DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI.....