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JO' BUDDY & DOWN HOME KING III

Whole Lotta Things To Do

Ram-Bam

Listen to the full sound of the lively, raw, swamp infused Blues produced by just two guys, and I'm sure you will have a great big smile on your face feeling that you have just discovered a New Orleans gem. The truth is they are from Finland. Jo', real name Jussi Raulamo, plays guitar, provides vocals and writes the material, whilst his partner in music, whose real name is Tyko Haapala, handles the drums and percussion. Although primarily sourced from the "Big Easy" Blues, boogie and zydeco, it really is kitchen sink stuff. There is ragtime on the appropriately named '(Electric) Ragtime Man'. Some good old-fashioned rock'n'roll on 'Do My Number'. You could just imagine Muddy Waters singing 'They Don't Know What I Do' and there is even some country yodelling on 'Speeding Up Mama'. Plus a nice little instrumental entitled 'Way Back Rag' to bring proceedings to a close. This is foot stomping good-time music. Yes, you could pick flaws, but sometimes you have to just sit back and enjoy. Put that record back on and pass the jug.

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