PRISON WORKSONGS

Recorded at the Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, La., by Dr. Harry Oster

- BERTA sung by Big Louisiana(Rodney Mason), Rev. Rogers, & Roosevelt Charles
- 2. TAKE THIS HAMMER sung by Guitar Welch, Hogman Maxey, & Andy Mosely
- 3. STEWBALL sung by Rev. Rogers, Big Louisiana, & Jose Smith
- 4. FIVE LONG YEARS FOR ONE MAN sung by Odea Mathews
- 5. ALBERTA LET YOUR BANGS GROW LONG sung by Guitar Welch, Hopman Maxey, & Andy Mosely
- Guitar Welch, Hogman Maxey, & Andy Mosely

 6. I HAD FIVE LONG YEARS sung by James Russell
- 7. EARLY IN THE MORNIN' sung by Johnny Butler
- 8. ALL TEAMED UP IN ANGOLA'S MULE LOT sung by Roosevelt Charles, Arthur Davis, & Big Louisiana
- 9. I GOT A HURTIN' IN MY RIGHT SIDE sung by Willy Rafus and work gang
- 10. LET YOUR HAMMER RING sung by Big Louisiana, Willy Rafus, & Arthur Davis
- 11. CLEANING THIS HIGHWAY sung by Willy Rafus, Andy Mosely, & Johnny Butler
- 12. JOHN HENRY sung by Guitar Welch, Hogman Maxey, & Robert Pete Williams
- 13. SOMETHING WITHIN ME sung by Odea Mathews
- 14. JESUS CARES sung by Murray Macon
- 15. WORKING ON THE LEVEE Part 1 (Good Morning Captain) - sung by Emanuel Dunn
- 16. WORKING ON THE LEVEE Part 2



- 17. TAKE THIS HAMMER sung by Big Louisiana
- 18. PICKIN' COTTON ALL DAY LONG sung by two sisters, Creola and Ceola Scott
- 19. MY MULE "GREY" (A Plowing Song) sung by Emanuel Dunn

Lead is sung by first singer(s) listed.

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