

# ROBERT NIGHTHAWK DISCOGRAPHY

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## ROBERT LEE MCCOY

V/g with John Lee Sonny Boy Williamson (h)-1 ; Big Joe Williams (g)

07655-1 Tough Luck  
07656-1 Lonesome World  
07657-1 G-Man  
07568-1 Don't Mistreat Your Woman  
07659-1 Prowling Nighthawk  
07660-1 Sweet Pepper Mama -1

Aurora, IL, May 5, 1937

Bluebird B7115, Wolf LP WSE120, RCA 0786367416 2, Saga 982 076-9  
Bluebird B7045, Wolf LP WSE120, RCA 0786367416 2, Saga 982 076-9  
Bluebird B7090, Wolf LP WSE120, RCA 0786367416 2  
Bluebird B7045, Wolf LP WSE120, RCA 0786367416 2, Saga 982 076-9  
Bluebird B6995, Wolf LP WSE120, RCA 0786367416 2, Saga 982 076-9  
Bluebird B7090, Wolf LP WSE120, RCA 0786367416 2

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Vcl/(g) with John Lee Sonny Boy Williamson (h) -1 ; Walter Davis (p) -2 ; Poss. Henry Townsend (g)-3 ; Big Joe Williams (g)

016527-1 My Friend Has Forsaken Me -1,2  
016528-1 Mean Black Cat -1,2  
016529-1 Brickyard  
016530-1 Mamie Lee -1,2  
016531-1 Take It Easy Baby -1  
016532-1 I Have Spent My Bonus -3  
016533-1 CNA -3

Aurora, IL, November 11, 1937

Bluebird B7416, Wolf LP WSE120, RCA 0786367416 2  
Bluebird B7303, Wolf LP WSE120, RCA 0786367416 2, Saga 982 076-9  
Bluebird B7416, Wolf LP WSE120, RCA 0786367416 2  
Bluebird B7386, Wolf LP WSE120, RCA 0786367416 2, Saga 982 076-9  
Bluebird B7386, Wolf LP WSE120, RCA 0786367416 2, Saga 982 076-9  
Bluebird B7303, Wolf LP WSE120, RCA 0786367416 2  
Bluebird B7440, Wolf LP WSE120, RCA 0786367416 2

## as RAMBLING BOB:

v/g) with John Lee Sonny Boy Williamson (h) -1 ; Prob. Speckled Red (p)

030858-1 Every Day And Night  
030859-1 Ol' Mose  
030860-1 You're All I've Got To Live For  
030961-1 She's Got What It Takes  
030862-1 Next Door Neighbor

Aurora, IL, December 18, 1938

Bluebird B8020, Wolf LP WSE121, RCA 0786367416 2, Saga 982 076-9  
Bluebird B8020, Wolf LP WSE121, RCA 0786367416 2, Saga 982 076-9  
Bluebird B8067, Wolf LP WSE121, RCA 0786367416 2  
Bluebird B7989, Wolf LP WSE121, RCA 0786367416 2  
Bluebird B8059, Wolf LP WSE121, RCA 0786367416 2, Saga 982 076-9

030863-1 Big Apple Blues -1  
030864-1 Freight Train Blues -1  
030865-1 Good Gamblin' -1

Bluebird B7987, Wolf LP WSE121, RCA 0786367416 2  
Bluebird B8067, Wolf LP WSE121, RCA 0786367416 2, Saga 982 076-9  
Bluebird B8059, Wolf LP WSE121, RCA 0786367416 2

## as PEETIE'S BOY

(v/g-1) ; Ann Sortier (v-2, /prob. Wb)

93034-A Gonna Keep It For My Daddy -1  
93035-A Never Leave Me-2  
93036-A Mama Don't Allow Me To Stay Out All Night Long -1  
93037-A Friars Point Blues -1

Chicago, IL, June 5, 1940

Decca De7819, Wolf LP WSE121  
Decca De 7819, Wolf LP WSE121  
Decca De 7767, Wolf LP WSE121  
Decca De 7819, Wolf LP WSE121, Saga 982 076-9

ROBERT LEE MCCOY: V except -1/g with Ethel Mae (Brown) (v -1), Sunnnyland Slim or Ernest Lane (p), Willie Dixon (b).

U7127 Down the line -1  
U7128 Handsome lover -1  
U7129 Return mail blues  
U7130 My sweet lovin' woman

Chicago, IL, c. September 1948

Chess (E) LP 6641 125  
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unissued  
Chess 1484, Jasmine JASMCD 3164

(A date of 10 November for above is likely to apply to mastering. Chess LP 6641 125 Genesis 2, Jasmine JASMCD 3164 is titled Sweet Black Angel).

## THE NIGHTHAWKS (Aristocrat 2301)

Ethel Mae (v)-1, Ernest Lane (p) replaces Slim.

<sup>3</sup> 7194 She knows how to love a man  
U7195 Black angel blues (Sweet black angel)  
U7196 Anie Lee blues (Anna Lee)  
U7197 Return mail blues  
U7198 Sugar papa -1

Chicago, IL, c. July 12, 1948

Blues Ball LP 2003, Blue Night BN 073 1669  
Aristocrat 2301, Jasmine JASMCD 3164  
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Chess 1484, Jasmine JASMCD 3164  
Chess (E) LP6641 125,

(Blues Ball LP 2003 is titled Sultans Of The Slide Guitar, Blue Night LP 1669 is titled Chicago Guitar Killers).

## ETHEL MAE (U7226) (NIGHTHAWKS (U 7227/9)

Ethel Mae (vcl)-1, Pinetop Perkins (p) replaces Lane.

U7226 Good news -1  
U7227 Six three 0  
U7228 Prison Bound  
U7229 Jackson town gal

Chicago, IL, January 5, 1950

Chess (E) LP 6641 125, Jasmine JASMCD 3164  
Aristocrat 413, Jasmine JASMCD 3164  
Chess (E) LP 6641 125, Jasmine JASMCD 3164  
Aristocrat 413, Jasmine JASMCD 3164

(All Nighthawk vocal titles issued on Chess 2CHD 9387 The Aristocrat Of The Blues).

## ROBERT NIGHTHAWK and HIS NIGHTHAWK BAND

V/g with Bob Call or Roosevelt Sykes (p), Ransom Knowling (b), prob. Jump Jackson (d), Roosevelt Sykes (shouts -1).

1005 Feel so bad  
1006 Kansas City blues  
1007 Crying won't help me  
1008 Take it easy baby  
1008-1/2 Nighthawk boogie (inst)

Chicago, IL, July 12, 1951

United 105, Jasmine JASMCD 3164  
United 102, Jasmine JASMCD 3164  
United 102, Jasmine JASMCD 3164  
United 105, Jasmine JASMCD 3164  
Pearl PL 11, Jasmine JASMCD 3164

V/g with Curtis Jones (p), g -1, Ransom Knowling (b), d.

1149-1 Bricks in my pillow  
1150-9 You missed a good man  
1151-1 Maggie Campbell -1  
1151-11 Maggie Campbell  
1151-1 The Moon is rising [inc]  
1152-3 The Moon is rising

Chicago, IL, October 25, 1952

Pearl PL 11, Jasmine JASMCD 3164  
Pearl PL 11, Jasmine JASMCD 3164  
Pearl PL 11  
States 131, Jasmine JASMCD 3164  
Delmark DD 711 (CCD)  
States 131, Jasmine JASMCD 3164

1153-6	Seventy-four	Delmark DD 711
1153-7	Seventy-four	Pearl PL 11, Jasmine JASMCD 3164
1154-1	U/S boogie [inst] -1	Pearl PL 11, Jasmine JASMCD 3164

(Pearl LP 11 / Delmark CD 711 is titled Robert Nighthawk Bricks In My Pillow).

V/g with Walter Horton (h), Willie Mabon (p), Johnny Young (g), Andrew Stephens (b), Clifton James (d).

Lula Mae	Chicago, IL, 1964
Merry Christmas	Decca (E) LK 4748
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(Decca LP 4748 is titled Blues Southside Chicago).

V/g with Little Walter (h), Johnny Young (g/mand).

Kansas City blues	Live, University of Chicago, IL, May 9, 1964
That's all right	Testament T 2215
Everything gonna be alright	Testament CD 6009
Anna Lee	Testament CD 6009
Sweet little woman	Testament CD 6011

(Recorded at the University of Chicago. Testament LP 2215 / CD 5010 are titled Masters of Modern Blues Robert Nighthawk/ Houston Stackhouse. Testament CD 6009 is titled Down Home Slide, 6011 Down Home Harp).

V/g with Lafayette Leake (p), Buddy Guy (g), Jack Meyers (b), Clifton James (d).

13304	(Sorry) My angel	Chicago, IL, 30 June 1964
13305	Someday	Blues Ball LP 2003, Chicago Slide LP 005
		Blues Ball LP 2003, Blue Night LP 073 1669, Chess (E) CXMD 4013

(Chess recordings also issued on Chess (J) PLP 6015 / (It) 8108 titled Robert Nighthawk Black Angel Blues. Chicago Slide LP 005 is titled Chicago Slide Classics).

V/g with John Wrencher (h), Johnny Young (g).

Blues before sunrise	Chicago, IL, October 14, 1964
Black angel blues	Testament T 2003
Maggie Campbell	Testament T 2015
Crowing rooster blues	Testament T 2015
I'm getting tired	Testament T 2015
Bricks in my pillow	Testament T 2015
Bricks in my pillow [alt tk]	Testament CD 5010
Merry Christmas baby	Testament T 2015
Crying won't help you	Testament T 2015
Crying won't help you [alt tk]	Testament CD 5021

(Testament LP 2203 is titled Modern Chicago Blues, CD 5021 is titled Bottleneck Blues).

ROBERT NIGHTHAWK, LIVE ON MAXWELL STREET 1964

V/g with Carey Bell (h -1), John Lee Granderson or Little Arthur King -1, prob. Mike Bloomfield -2 (g), Jimmy Collins (d).

Goin' down to Eli's (Murdering blues)	Chicago, IL, September or c. October 18/25, 1964
(Cheating and lying blues)	Rounder LP 2022,
Mr. Bell's shuffle [inst] -1 (Juke medley)	Roots TR 1005
The time have come	Rounder LP 2022
Take it easy baby	Rounder LP 2022
Medley - Allie Lee	Rounder LP 2022
Sweet black angel -2	Rounder TR 1005
Burning heat [inst] (Maxwell Stree jam)	Rounder LP 2022
I need love so bad	Rounder LP 2022
Excerpts from interview / Kansas City	Rounder LP 2022
That's all right	P-Vine (J) PCD 5527/8
Honky tonk [inst]	P-Vine (J) PCD 5527/8
Dust my broom -2	P-Vine (J) PCD 5527/8
Peter Gunn jam [inst] (The Real McCoy)	P-Vine (J) PCD 5527/8
Back off jam [inst]	P-Vine (J) PCD 5527/8

(For "Nighthawk Shuffle" see Little Arthur King. Rounder issue mentions Johnny Young (g), Robert Whitehead (d). Recorded by Norman Dayron "at the corner of 14th and Peoria", for Mike Shea's film "And This ils Free". Interview extended on Rounder CCD, and to 44 minutes on a separate CD on Rooster Blues 3CD 2641. Except for interview / Kansas City, MO titles also on P-Vine CD and Rooster, including an unedited "The time has come"/"Annie Lee/Sweet black angel").

(Roots LP 1005 is titled Rare Gems. P-Vine CD 5527/8 i titled And This Is Maxwell Street, issued US on Rooster Blues R 2641).

V/g with Bob Woodfork (g), Jimmy Collins (d).

Kansas city	Toronto, ON, 1965
I'm gonna murder my baby	Stony Plain (Cn) SPCD 1317
Back water blues	Stony Plain (Cn) SPCD 1354
You missed a good man	Stony Plain (Cn) SPCD 1354
Nighthawk boogie	Stony Plain (Cn) SPCD 1354
	Stony Plain (Cn) SPCD 1354

(Stony Plain CD 1317 is titled 30 Years Of Stony Plain, CD 1354 35 35 Years Of...)

ROBERT NIGHTHAWK and THE BLUES RHYTHM BOYS

G with Carey "Ditty" Mason v -1), Houston Stackhouse (g), James "Peck" Curtis (d).

Nighthawk boogie	Dundee, MS, August 28, 1967
You call yourself a Cadillac -1	Arhoolie CD 401, Fat Possum 7-1103
Blues before midnight	Arhoolie CD 401
Down by the woodshed	Arhoolie CD 401
	Fat Possum 7-1103, FP 1114

(Arhoolie CD 401 is titled Mississippi Delta Blues Vol. 1, Fat Possum CD 1114 is titled The George Mitchell Collection).