

'Bull Goose Rooster'

Watermelon Slim & the Workers (Northern Blues)



Though he started life as Bill Homans, the Boston-born, North Carolina-bred bluesman is best known in music circles as Watermelon Slim. He and his Workers backing band can be counted on to deliver a sizzling album every few years and "Bull Goose Rooster," like "Ringers," "Escape From the Chicken Coop" and "The Wheel Man" before it, is no exception. From the opening notes of "Tomorrow Night" to the final strains of "Words Are Coming to an End," Watermelon Slim hits every note. Other standouts on the 16-track LP include the title track, "I'm a King Bee," "Prison Walls," "I Ain't Whistling Dixie," "The Wobble" and "The Foreign Policy Blues." Enjoy, y'all.