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## Gregg Allman - I'm No Angel: Live On Stage

Allman was at one of the high points in his roller-coaster of a career when this show was filmed in 1988; he was addiction-free, unshackled from his ill-advised marriage to Cher and enjoying the success ☑ of 1986's *I'm No Angel* album and its identically-named hit single.

Close ups of the southern rock legend do indeed reveal clear eyes and although he doesn't appear especially happy or indulge in any between-song banter his voice is in exceptional form, sounding best on the bluesiest of numbers like "It's My Cross to Bear," "Statesboro Blues" and the extended take on set-closing jam "One Way Out."

Allman stays seated at the organ for the entire show, leaving it to former Allman <u>Brothers</u> Band guitarist "Dangerous" Dan Toler to put the "show" in the show as he grins, grimaces and moves about the stage as he reels off the sinuous licks that are the hallmark of the Allman sound.

"I'm No Angel" is performed but Allman's *Just Before the Bullets Fly* was the new release at the time and nearly half of the set is comprised of tunes from that album: the title track, "Demons," "Slip Away" and "Fear of Falling."

l'm No Angel-Live is not the most exciting of Allman's work but it is certainly worthy and will no doubt please fans of both his solo music and his output with the ABB. The late David Toler, former ABB drummer and brother to Dan, also appears.







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