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RATINGS SYSTEM

Picture: C Sound: C Extras: C Concert: C+

An influence on many musicians like Elton John, Long John Baldry (1941 – 2005) first surfaced as part of the band Blues Incorporated in 1962, but was a solo artist by 1967 and remained that way to the end. Long John Baldry – It Ain't Easy Live (1987) has a title intended to recall his famous 1971 album, now on DVD from Music Video Distributors.

Songs include:

- 1) Going Down Slow
- 2) Everyday I Have The Blues
- 3) It Ain't Easy
- 4) Respect
- 5) You Make Me Feel Like A Natural Woman
- 6) Talking To My Baby
- 7) Iko Iko
- 8) Don't Try To Lay No Boogie Woogie On the King Of Rock 'N Roll

Tracks four through seven have the openly gay Baldry joined by Kathi McDonald, who is a decent complement to his music style, but the best thing the short show does is show a key artist from his time who influenced more than a few of the most successful artists of all time and that is wroth a look.

The 1.33 X 1 image is weak and pale, was shot on analog NTSC video of some kind and can be soft to a point of distraction, while the location sound in Dolby Digital 2.0 is as weak sonically and barely stereo if that. Extras include trailers for a bunch of other Quantum Leap DVDs, backstage interviews and band text bio/discographies.

For more of Baldry and McDonald, try this link:

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- Nicholas Sheffo

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