

# RECORD COLLECTOR

## War

Loose Grooves - Funkin Live In England 1980. Low riders on the loose in funky Halifax. As with the recently released Blood Sweat & Tears Spinning Wheel DVD Loose Grooves was likewise shot on the concluding date of War's 1980 co-headlining tour with BS&T at Halifax's Civic Centre. With 5 members of the original War line up still aboard and manning the ranks namely, harp player Lee Oskar, percussionist Papa Dee Allen, drummer Harold Brown, keyboard player Lonnie Jordan and guitarist Harold Scott unlike the largely unfamiliar line up of their co-headliners BS&T this edition of War, although by this time past their best as a recording unit, nevertheless prove themselves more than equal to the task of recreating the authentic flavour of vintage selections from the classic War songbook. At this point signed to MCA and touring their then current album The Music Band 2, guitarist Harold Scott sets the tone for what follows when he tells the crowd 'we're gonna go from 1969 to whatever year this is now' before the band start playing their way through the 8 tracks showcased on this 51 minute DVD. Drawing on the length and breadth of their back catalogue hot spots include the iconic hits Low Rider and Cisco Kid, the epic Gypsy Man and Me And Baby Brother which all come served up with a surplus of soulful funkiness and illuminated by the superlative harmonica playing of Lee Oskar.

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