

***Join the Band: The Georgia Sea
Island Singers***



The **Georgia Sea Island Singers** were one of the most popular groups on the 1960s and '70s folk circuit, performing at colleges, festivals, the Poor People's March on Washington, and Jimmy Carter's inauguration. *Join the Band* is a collection of their first stereo recordings, made by Alan Lomax in 1950 and 1960, that showcases their utterly unique hymns, spirituals, ring shouts, and work songs.

Alan Lomax first visited the Georgia Sea Island of St. Simons in June of 1935 with folklorist Mary Elizabeth Barnicle and author Zora Neale Hurston. There they met the remarkable Singers and recorded several hours of their songs and dances for the Library of Congress. Returning 25 years later, Lomax found the group enriched by the addition of Bessie Jones, a South Georgia native with a massive collection of songs going back to the slavery era. *Join the Band* features freshly remastered audio from 24-bit digital transfers of Alan Lomax's original tapes and notes by the Alan Lomax Archive's Nathan Salsburg and Anna Lomax Wood, who accompanied her father on the 1960 recordings.

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1. You Better Mind – Bessie Jones and GSIS
2. O Death – Bessie Jones
3. O Day – Bessie Jones and GSIS
4. Buzzard Lope – Bessie Jones and GSIS
5. Turtle Dove – Bessie Jones and GSIS
6. Adam In The Garden – Willis Proctor and GSIS
7. Sink 'Em Low – Bessie Jones and GSIS
8. Sometime – Bessie Jones and an unidentified woman
9. See Aunt Dinah – Bessie Jones and GSIS
10. Beulah Land – John Davis, Bessie Jones, GSIS
11. Prayer – John Davis and GSIS
12. Sign of Judgment – Henry Morrison, Bessie Jones, GSIS
13. Join the Band – John Davis, Willis Proctor, GSIS
14. Hop Along, Let's Get Her – Henry Morrison, John Davis, GSIS
15. Go to Sleepy Little Baby – Bessie Jones
16. Before This Time Another Year – Bessie Jones and GSIS

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