



Pure Pleasure PPAN018  
Eric Bibb: Natural Light  
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"Natural Light" by Eric Bibb is as strong as his previous efforts and produced once again by his longtime bassist Dave Bronze. Eric's voice and guitar playing shines all over whether he's doing a solo acoustic number as in "Champagne Habits" and the beautiful "Lucky Man' Rag" where he is joined by a wasboard player, or in the full band numbers such as the cover of the sixties Jackie Wilson hit "Higher And Higher". Other favourites include the jazzy "Home Lovin' Man" where Janne Petersson's piano really stands out, the gospel of "Right On Time" and "Tell Riley", a song about Bukka White and his cousin Riley B.(B.) King. There's even a guest appearance by Hubert Sumlin, the late Howlin Wolf's guitarist, who plays a solo on "Too Much Stuff". Most of the songs are self-penned by Eric Bibb with wise storytelling and witty lyrics but there are some covers tastefully arranged including Randy Newman' ballad "Every Time It Rains".

Recording: 2003 at Intimate Studios, London, by Troy Hermes / Warehouse Studios, Oxford, by Steve Watkins / Tonczone Studios, Kent, by Richard Studholme / Leon C Studios, Southend, by Dave Bronze  
Production: Dave Bronze "Natural Light" - Eric Bibb (g, voc); Janne Petersson (p, org, acc); Dave Bronze (b); Hubert Sumlin, Steve Donnelly (g); Simon Clarke, Roddy Lorimer, Tim Sanders (horns); Henry Spinetti (dr), Martin Ditcham, Bjorn Gideonsson (dr, perc); a.o.