



# **Kenny Wayne Shepherd**

## *Ten Days Out: Blues From the Backroads*

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Kenny Wayne Shepherd passed for an old blues soul when he was just 18 and released his first album, "Ledbetter Heights." So it shouldn't be surprising that, at 29, he can hang convincingly with some real old blues souls on "10 Days Out (Blues From the Backroads)," a CD/DVD project resulting from a sojourn through the South with Stevie Ray Vaughan's rhythm section, Double Trouble, in tow. The DVD documentary does a fine job of capturing stories and reflections from legends and lesser-knowns alike, and it's all the more moving because six of the performers died between the time they were filmed and this release. But the real celebration is found on the CD and its unexpurgated 15 performances, ranging from a fierce (is there any other?) rendition of "The Thrill Is Gone" with B.B. King to a fiery Tina Marie with Bryan Lee on a hot "Born in Louisiana."