

Jefferson Airplane-Legendary Flight 39 years ago

Author: Craig Fenton 2/1/68 The Matrix, San Francisco, California February 1, 1968
(128:37)

From Craig Fenton-Author of the Jefferson Airplane book "Take Me To A Circus Tent." www.takemetoacircustent.net

On this date in 1968 the Airplane performed one of their 10 finest shows ever! Pulling a rabbit out of hat is one thing but the Airplane pulled one from the first LP, when Signe Anderson was on board. They didn't perform "Blues From An Airplane" in 1965, 66, or 67 but on this night....

Information from 11/2/69 (November 2, 1969) Elysian Park, Los Angeles, California is really part of the documentation of this show. The band did play on 11/2/69 but there are no confirmed set lists.

1 Tune-up & Grace tells the crowd "The next song can be one of two." & "Somebody To Love 4:35

2 Young Girl Sunday Blues & Tune-up 4:58

3 She Has Funny Cars & Tune-up & Paul intros the next song 4:53

4 Two Heads (L) & Tune-up 4:53 This was the final appearance. At least for a few more months the song deserved a better live fate.

5 Martha & Tune-up 4:44

6 Kansas City Blues (Move To Kansas City) (L) Jorma vocals & Tune-up & Paul intros the next song 7:28 This was the last appearance of the song. Song six has often been left off the documentation from this show.

7 The Other Side Of This Life 7:56

8 Today 3:14 A stellar version!

9 Won't You Try/Saturday Afternoon & Paul thank the crowds crowd & Tune-up 6:43

10 It's No Secret & Tune-up & Grace thanks the crowd 4:08

11 Blues From An Airplane (F & L) & Tune-up 2:52 This is the only time performed! Better late than never! Song eleven is another that would have been nice to have been performed on a continuous basis. It has never gotten the credit it deserves for the well composed lyrics. As good as it sounded in 1968 it would have been even better if played when first born.

12 Watch Her Ride 4:10

13 Plastic Fantastic Lover > Tune-up 3:53

14 Tune-up > White Rabbit 2:34

15 (3/5 Of A Mile In 10 Seconds) > Grace thanks the crowd >
Tune-up 6:38

16 Share A Little Joke (F & L) > (This is the only appearance of Share A Little Joke). Paul announces "The next song (Ice Cream Phoenix Jam) is an instrumental and if you have words sing along." > Tune-up 5:00 >

17 Ice Cream Phoenix Jam (Instrumental) (F & L) 9:52 Cut. This is the only appearance. It was a surprise that such an intense piece of work would come and go in one night.

18 Tune-up > Fat Angel > Tune-up 8:52

 19 The Ballad Of You And Me And Pooneil > Grace thanks the crowd 10:33 The improvisational segment of the show (Songs seventeen through nineteen) were one of the reasons to this day 2/1/68 is considered one of their ten best performances ever.

20 High Flying Bird (L) 4:37 This was the final appearance. Another link to the past is broken. A superb tune that served the band and the fans well.

21 Wild Tyme (F) > Marty thanks the crowd > Tune-up 3:49 This is the first appearance.

22 Go To Her (L) > Paul thanks the Crowd > Tune-up 4:37 This was the final appearance.

23 Rock Me Baby 7:38 Jorma vocals. Very nice slow blues version!

Thanks for flying J.A. Our flight is over but only for now. See you all on the runway soon. Craig Fenton

www.takemetoacircustent.net

About the Author

Craig Fenton is the author of the new Jefferson Airplane book "Take Me To A Circus Tent." Marty Balin says it best "Craig Fenton knows so much about the Jefferson Airplane and Family, I was asking him the questions." Craig was also a former disc-jockey for 10 years and is an authority on 1960's and 1970's rock and roll.

Source: <http://www.gig-events-guide.co.uk>