

GAYE ADEGBALOLA THE GRIOT

TOPICAL BLUES FOR TOPICAL TIMES

As a griot (gree-oh), **GAYE ADEGBALOLA** uses her honest vision of the world to record history as she sees it – in song stories like "(You're) Flint Water, baby, dirty as you can be;" "I've been 'Kaepernicked!'" and "I'll sacrifice my life to stop that FGM" (female genital mutilation); and yet there's her signature humor in "3 Hour Shoes" and "Liearrhea." Like the griots of West Africa, she is the living

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archive of oral history, the seed-sower, the now-knower, the entertainer, the unchainer. **THE GRIOT** tackles themes of hypocrisy, sexism, poverty, pollution, love, vanity, freedom and betrayal, all wrapped in Gaye's trademark wit and wisdom.

Gaye has performed all over the world individually, in duos and bands, and as a founding member of the group **Saffire—The Uppity Blues Women**, who ended their glorious 25-year run in 2009. She is a mother, a Blues Music Award (BMA) winner and former Virginia State Teacher of the Year. Now 74, she sees her life's work as a contemporary griot - keeping the history alive, delivering messages of empowerment, ministering to the heartbroken, and finding joy in the mundane.



- 01. Nothing's Changed
- 02. The Griot
- 03. Liearrhea
- 04. FGM (Female Genital Mutilation)
- 05. Dirty Sheets
- 06. (You're) Flint Water
- 07. Kaepernicked
- 08. Ain't Technology Grand?
- 09. Gon' Be Alright
- 10. Don't Criticize Me
- 11. Nothing Left
- 12. (There is Always) One More Time
- 13. Need A Little Sugar in My Bowl
- 14. Tea Cake Kind Of Love
- 15. 3 Hour Shoes (Stylin' for the Lord)
- 16. Sorry, but... No Shame
- 17. Jelly Bean Blues

Title: The Griot
Label: VizzTone/Hot Toddy
Genre: Blues
Territory: Worldwide
Compact Disc-EcoWallet
Cat. # VT-HTM-2420
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Gaye Adegbalola

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