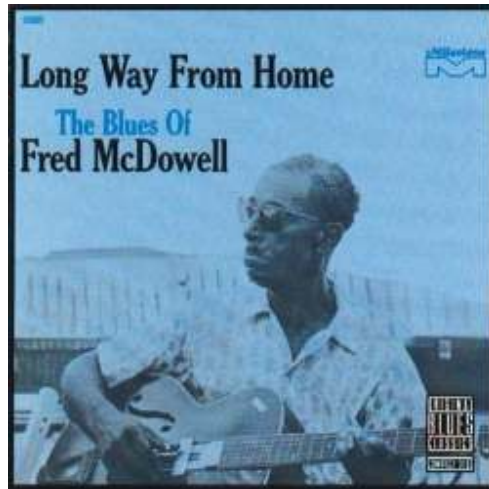


## FROM BLUE TO GOLD: MINI-LESSON

Welcome to the Academy for Lifelong Learning and our unique music class. We will explore the connection between the blues and rock and roll and how this music changed culture, America and even the World. It's my hope and intention to send along a weekly email Mini-Lesson, covering a tidbit I may not get to in class. Here's the first ...



MISSISSIPPI FRED McDOWELL: Born in Tennessee, Fred is one of the few original blues performers that was born outside of the Delta. Even though he incorporated the 'black muddy sound' into his name and into his persona, defining much of the Delta sound, he remained separate from the multitude that would come out of that region. He was both a gambler and preacher, playing both sides of the spiritual coin, and never liked rock and roll very much. While the Rolling Stones dedicated much of their album 'Sticky Fingers' to McDowell, Old Fred stayed loyal to the bottlenecked sound that only he could play and shunned many of the changes taking place late in his life. Here is a McDowell video c.1962:



See you Thursday!

Paul Turelli