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“This Is Wooden Music”



Thanks for checking out my latest album. Once again, you'll find that there's no deep plot, no political agenda and no brain surgery is needed to get this album. It's yet another collection of songs that just show where I am at this very moment as a person, a singer and a songwriter. All of the songs on this album are brand new songs that were written between July of 2009 and September of 2010. All, but one that is. One of them is one of my oldest songs called "Put It There." Why rehash this song again you may ask? Well, it's because I find it very relevant for the time. When I moved from NC to GA, I left behind a lot of great, wonderful friends who to this very day keep in touch with me on a daily

basis. I can't tell you just how amazing this is for me and has made this life transition painless to be honest. This is just my gift to them to let them all know that I am there for them as much as they are for me. So with that explained, there ya go. You get 5 new songs and one old one that's getting a new life!

You're probably wondering where the title "This Is Wooden Music" came from. I was listening to an old Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young bootleg one night and they were doing an acoustic show. The audience was being a bit rambunctious during the songs and Stephen Stills says, "Hey! Try and keep it down. This is wooden music, man. You're supposed to be quiet so you can feel it." That just really hit home with me. I play folk music because I like to tell stories. I like to think that my lyrics are a vehicle that can take people away, make them feel as if they're part of a story and if I'm lucky, they may even connect to the song finding a bit of themselves in it. That's what it's all about that that's why I do this. "Wooden Music" man. I can totally dig it and I hope you will too.

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Sticks & Stones

I feel like there are a million songs out there about lost loves and broken relationships, but you never really hear any songs about friendships that ended. This is just a song about a friendship lost that was about as hard to write as a song about lost love. Actually, come to think of it, a friendship is a form of loving bond so when it does end nasty, it's just as hard to swallow. This is just my way of saying while we may not be friends, I still wish you nothing but the best. This is me taking the high road in life.

Brother & Sister

I had gone back to North Carolina for a show and my good friends Chris & Anita put me up for the night. They have two really awesome kids who are 5 years old and 3 years old. I was looking on their fireplace mantle and there was this picture of them and they were so cute. It was a black & white picture and they weren't smiling. The picture literally looked like it was from the 30's Dustbowl era. I took a bit of their real lives and mixed it with a story of the Dustbowl era to try and make it flow as one. It's funny where inspiration can come from sometimes. This time it was merely from a photograph. It reminded me to pay attention to every little detail in life because you never know what you're passing up.

Westward Expedition

I went to California for the first time in the Summer of 2009 and what an experience it was. I went down to the Sunset Strip, saw the Walk of Fame, saw the Guitar Center Rock Walk and even had lunch at the legendary Rainbow Bar & Grill. I was having lunch there and someone there told me jokingly, "Welcome to Hollywood. Where dreams go to die!" This really summed up what I felt about Hollywood by the end of the day there. The song documents my trip out there and I also talk about my first trip to Vegas that occurred about 4 months later. That's why I love songwriting. You can combine things that have happened in life and make them one fluid story. And yes, the guy I lost my money to... his name was Zhiu (Zoo).

Put It There

This is another song from the "early days". Written for a friend who was going through some hard times in his life, this song was just another way of me trying to grow as a songwriter and trying to put my feelings to song. Over the years, this song has been a mainstay in all my solo sets and I continue to dedicate it to all my friends... old, new and future. It's just my way of letting them all know that I'm here for them.

Another Rainy Night In Georgia

2009 was the Summer of Rain here in Atlanta. We had a flood here of near Katrina proportions. My wife had left to go away for a month for her job. It was a Sunday night and every element of a song was present. I was listening to Tony Joe White, Bob Dylan, drinking whiskey and missing my woman with my journal and guitar right next to me. This song literally just came pouring out of me. It came out word for word with no revisions, changes or additions. It was just one of those rare beautiful moments that I

can look back on and smile. This song reminded me just why I love being a songwriter as much as I do.

Why I Sing About The Rain

Nobody ever seems to ask why there are so many songs about love. Nobody seems to ask why there are so many songs about wandering and being lost. The rain seems to be a common thread in a lot of my songs. My best friend in Chapel Hill always makes fun of me for having so many "rain" songs. So much in fact that when I wrote a song called "Drought County" it just seemed like the next extreme of my weather songs. The weather plays a huge part in my creativity. When most find comfort and inspiration in clear blue skies and warm weather, I find mine on cold, grey cloudy days. The rain is something pretty amazing. It's water from the friggin' sky. Yeah, I know. It's pretty amazing and inspiring all the same.