

Mp3 Ben Sands - Take Your Time



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An acoustic blend of contemporary and traditional folk songs and tunes from the Irish singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. 11 MP3 Songs FOLK: Modern Folk, WORLD: Celtic Details: Ben Sands hails from the frontier town of Newry, County Down on the East coast of Ireland. He was born fourth in a family of 5 boys and 2 girls on a small farm near the village of Mayobridge, in the foothills of the Mountains of Mourne. Ben's branch of the Sands clan has a long history of music, singing, and storytelling and his father, Mick, was a legendary character whose songs and fiddle playing were spiced by a wealth of wit and adventure. His mother, Bridie, a fine singer and accordion player, was the daughter of the noted Burren folk-poet, Owen Connolly, whose wife was related to the Bronte family. This heritage of creativity and performance was drawn upon to make the hard grind of day-to-day life on a small farm not only bearable but often memorable and the family home in the townland of Ryan became a very popular "Ceili-House", the focus for singers and musicians from miles around. Ben tried his hand at any instrument that came about the place and after early excursions on piano and fiddle he added further adventures on guitar, whistle, uilleann pipes, tenor banjo, bazouki and mandolin. In due course he became a cornerstone of the illustrious "Sands Family", performing and recording with that widely travelled and acclaimed band since the early 1970s. While "The Sands Family" continue to tour and record in their own inimitable fashion, Ben has followed brothers Colum and Tommy Sands as a successful solo performer and recording artiste. To his acknowledged accomplishments as a song-writer, instrumentalist, harmony vocalist and arranger, Ben brings a solid reputation as a "great singer of great songs" from a diversity of sources. These days his own compositions feature prominently in his concerts as well as in the performances and recordings of a growing number of notable artistes. Ben Sands' songs, music and stories paint pictures of an ongoing legacy inherited and absorbed in those early, influential years on a

small farm in County Down and enriched by his colourful, musical, adventure-some journeys through life.

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