

## Mp3 The Bad Penny Boys - Loose Change



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All original, classic rock to folk rock. 10 MP3 Songs ROCK: Roots Rock, ROCK: Folk Rock Details: The Bad Penny Boys are a San Francisco-Bay Area four-piece band who've been playing together since 2001. Their show includes all-original music, from straight-ahead rock n' roll to folk pop. Their sound is best described as "the Byrds meet ZZ Top" and "Simon Garfunkel meet Tom Petty." In 2004 they were awarded by Bands4Bands for: Best Backing Vocals, Best Song, Best New Band, and Bands4Bands Achievement Award. They recently competed in and won the first round of a Battle of the Bands hosted by Ohio-based Sugarlight Productions. Jay Wisor, our lead vocalist and on rhythm acoustic guitar, hails from Philadelphia with stops in Los Angeles and Chicago on his way to the Bay area. Through all these travels, music was the compass that kept his bearings straight. Most of the songs we play come from some inspired corner of Jay's mind. In his songwriting, rules are meant to be broken and genres are begging to be mixed. Jay models his singing and songwriting on kd lang and Roy Orbison. Sparse words allow the listener to decide their meaning; the tone of the vocals tells the most important part of the story. Call his style subtle and organic, maybe even call it a little strange, above all the listener finds it compelling. Charles Vaughan, our bass player and backing vocalist, started playing the bass a few years ago when he thought it was time to pick up a new instrument. Charles began his musical career in high school, singing in church choirs and playing acoustic guitar in San Antonio, Texas. In college, he continued to sing and play in church and was eventually asked to become a musical director. His connections with religious and spiritual music often lead him to playing weddings for family and friends. His musical influences range from Christian rock, such as Rich Mullens and Steve Angrisano, to the vocal and guitar styles of Simon Garfunkel, Peter, Paul Mary, The Beach Boys, Sting, and Ottmar Liebart. Our drummer, Virgilio Guevara, has been pounding out rhythms since about the time he could pick up a

spoon. Virgilio found his way to the band from Bogota, Colombia, by way of Miami, Florida but now calls California home. In South America he toured internationally as a drummer for a top 10 band on the Latin American charts. This one time Amazon explorer and wildlife illustrator is currently a user interface designer, our webmaster, and a phenomenal guitar retrofitter. The most recent addition to the band is AJ Rocans on lead electric guitar. Born in Chicago, Illinois, he cut his musical chops playing bass with local bands as well as with the Chicago Free Theater under the direction of the jazz composer Bill Russo. AJ transitioned to San Francisco when Mr. Russo took a commission with the San Francisco Arts Commission as the resident composer. AJ took a hiatus to raise a family and he's been here ever since. He's spent the last four years playing electric guitar with a blues band, Pack of Blues, all over the San Francisco Bay Area.

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