

# Mp3 Rodney Parker & 50 Peso Reward - The Lonesome Dirge



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Details: While Parker and The Pesos found regional success in Texas on the strength of their remarkable 2004 self-released debut, *Blow The Soot Out*, the Denton, TX-based quintet are poised to break out nationally with *The Lonesome Dirge* a breathtaking, often heart-stopping, album brimming with Americana anthems, harrowing Southern Gothic balladry and shit-kicking roadhouse rockers that channels the likes of Steve Earle, Old 97s and Son Volt. The album immediately stampedes out of gate with the unbridled dynamics of the driving opener *Firefight*, before shooting straight into the passionate number 10 *lb Test*, where, amid indelible hooks and stinging guitar, Parkers warm, whiskey-soaked voice sweetly cracks with a touch of wild honey. *Brother* is a moving ballad that culminates with not only proud, pounding choruses but also showcases the volatile musical dexterity of this explosive outfit, while songs such as *Wild Man From Borneo*, *Tell Me What It Is* and *Im Never Getting Married* are performed with both fiery passion and clenched-fisted conviction. The band also manages to breathe further life into a spirited reworking of Springsteens *Atlantic City*, while the albums sparse, haunting closing number *11 Hours*, coincidentally, hearkens back to the ghostly acoustic landscape of Bruces *Nebraska* album. What these eleven-tracks alternately capable of touching the heart and loosening the floorboards - prove more than anything else, though, is that Rodney Parker is one of those rare singer/songwriters to be reckoned with. While the word masterpiece may seem a bit lofty to attach so readily to any record this early in an artists career, *The Lonesome Dirge* is as worthy a contender as youre likely to find today. People who are interested in Son Volt Steve Earle Drive-By Truckers should consider this download.

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