

Mp3 Pat Scanlon - Blue State Liberal



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Invoking the crowd rallying spirit of Pete Seeger and Woody's son Arlo, Scanlon wears his politics, environmental activism and acute social awareness on this workman's sleeve and God bless him for it. 12 MP3 Songs FOLK: Political, COUNTRY: Bluegrass Details: Pat Scanlon Blue State Liberal patscanlon.com From Singer songwriter, Vietnam Veteran (69) and environmental activist Pat Scanlon comes the rallying cry for unity amongst progressive liberals across the land. Pat Scanlon hits a home run for the underdogs with this upbeat inspiring song. (NIMBIT) "With Folks like you we have a chance" (Pete Seeger) "Everything in your song resonates with me. Thank you for the sense of justice you bring into the world through music". (Charlie Clements, President CEO Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) Pat Scanlon is a Vietnam Veteran (69), Environmental Activist and banjo playing Singer Songwriter. Pats songs reflect his commitment to a variety of progressive causes. As the environmental group Greenpeace said of his music. Pats songs sing of the love of the earth, of the wonder of life and of the need for us all to fight the attitudes of greed and waste that pollute our air and water, kill endangered species, promote dangerous energy policies, and lead us to the very brink of nuclear holocaust. Pats first album, Songs for Future Generations, was on Rounder Records, co-sponsored by Greenpeace and recorded with the Black Water String Band from Concord New Hampshire. It is amazing that after twenty years these songs about the environment, social equality and economic justice, peace, nuclear weapons and energy are still so relevant today. Pat served in the US Army for three years and worked at MACV (Military Assistance Command Vietnam) Headquarters in Saigon for the year of 1969. As an intelligence analyst with a top secret clearance he worked in intelligence (J2) of B52 strikes throughout Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. This experience dramatically changed his life. Upon returning from Vietnam Pat joined Vietnam Veterans Against the War and has been involved in social, political, environmental, peace and anti-nuclear

activities ever since. Pats life's work and passion for over thirty years has been in recycling. He has served on the Board of Directors of the National Recycling Coalition(5 years) and the Pennsylvania Resources Council (the oldest environmental organization in Penna.). He is also the founder and past president of MassRecycle, the Massachusetts Recycling Coalition, to name a few. A couple of years ago Pat released his CD We Can Do It. Some of Boston's best folk / bluegrass musicians joined Pat in producing a very upbeat meaningful compilation of original songs. Pat worked in support of the Democratic Party during the 2004 presidential campaign. He assisted in setting up the recycling program at the Democratic National Convention in Boston. He also proposed, designed and organized the Recycled Poster Project at the Convention. In just 11 hours Pat transformed the wastepaper generated the first night of the Convention (campaign placards, posters, flyers, position papers etc.) into 38,400 commemorative posters. These posters were made of 100 recycled paperboard and are signed by both John Kerry and John Edwards. A limited number of the "Recycled Poster Project" posters are still available. These are collector items, a recycling project like this has never been done before. (For more information on the Recycled Poster Project see the newspaper article on Pat's Home Page(patscanlon.com)). Two days after the devastating loss at the polls Pat wrote the song Blue State Liberal as a way to lift the spirits of discouraged progressive liberals. Liberals should be proud of the progressive heritage of the past fifty years. The neo-cons of the right have been very successful in making liberals reluctant to use the word liberal, as if it were something to be ashamed of. "Liberal is not a dirty word, contrary to what you may have heard. We're gonna stand and shout out loud, we're liberal and we're proud" (From Blue State Liberal). It is time to take back America. You can help! Please send your friends information as to how to download a free copy of Blue State Liberal at (patscanlon.com). Also, please visit Progressive Democrats of America's web site (PDAmerica.org) to find out how to get involved in supporting progressive candidates, programs, policies etc. that are so important for the protection of the environment, our personal freedoms, labor rights, civil rights, women's rights, gay rights, and a host of other social and economic programs. For more information to balance Fox News please check out these additional sites: MoveOn.org, MediaMatters.org, DemocracyforAmerica.org

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