

# Mp3 Jez Lowe & The Bad Pennies - Northern Echoes



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Northumbrian folk-celtic with original songs from North-east England 17 MP3 Songs in this album (70:55)

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local heroes like Mark Knopfler, Alan Hull and Ed Pickford. The DVD included with the new album visits all of these writers, along with stunning footage shot by local people and communities who have known their fair share of good times and bad times, and yet have always had plenty to sing about. The music of Jez Lowe has now taken its place alongside these stalwarts of song, as the region looks forward to the future. Following a long summer of UK folk festivals, Jez Lowe and The Bad Pennies tour the USA and Canada throughout September and October 2008, followed by a UK tour, taking them up to the end of the year.

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