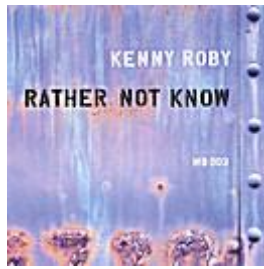


## Mp3 Kenny Roby - Rather Not Know



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Former frontman of Six String Drag's second solo album brings powerful stories and character portraits to the forefront with strong melodies over a bed of tasteful roots rock provided by members of 6 String Drag, Whiskeytown, Backsliders and \$2 Pistols 11 MP3 Songs ROCK: Roots Rock, ROCK: Americana Details:

In the mid to late 90's, as a member of the band Six String Drag, Kenny Roby established himself as one of the main songwriting forces behind the Americana movement in popular music. Six String Drag played a major role in the early success of Steve Earle and Jack Emerson's E Squared label. Roby and his band toured nationally with Earle and other acts and also established a strong following on the east coast and the midwest. The band was featured on the soundtrack to the Grammy nominated film You Can Count On Me and garnered much critical acclaim for their E Squared release High Hat. In 1998 the band broke up and Roby continued with a solo career releasing two more critically acclaimed albums Mercury's Blues and Rather Not Know. Roby's writing and singing have been praised by Billboard, The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Boston Phoenix, The Washington Post, Option, No Depression, Performing Songwriter and many other publications. Kenny has also been featured on NPR's All Songs Considered and Acoustic Cafe and has received extensive national airplay on NPR, Americana and AAA radio stations. He's toured the US and Europe playing solo and with his back up band. He has also toured with a wide variety of acts including Robert Randolph and the Family Band, Scott Miller(V-Roys), and Cary Hudson(Blue Mountain), as well as doing shows with Ryan Adams, The Jayhawks, Son Volt, Freedy Johnston, Richard Buckner, Buddy and Julie Miller, Matthew Ryan, Tres Chicas, Caitlin Cary, Robert Earl Keen and The Gourds. Ryan Adams has claimed Roby as as an influential writer on his and his former band Whiskeytown's music. (Six String Drag also toured with Whiskeytown) Adams featured Roby's song Rather Not Know on NPR's All Songs Considered in 2004. (in a segment called You Play the Dj: Artist's Picks) "I knew Kenny

in Raleigh NC, where we both had bands, his was better than mine. We shared a few jobs, most notably a plumbing job. I have been made to understand this record is partially inspired as the result of his father's death. Kenny has great internal dialogue concerning his relationship to God and to the more tangible ways of man. I think it's woven into the fabric of this record in more subtle ways than previous albums. The entire record really does more for any argument to this record's impact as a great piece of art, but this track is the first track on the album and the one that touches me even when I think I'm not listening. Also he is quite a good dancer apparently." - Ryan Adams Kenny continues to perform and record solo and with his new band Kenny Roby's Mercy Filter . The new band album is slated for a January 2006 release.

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