

# Mp3 Nathan Holscher - Pray For Rain



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Lyrical and lonesome- a slice of Americana replete with steel-stringed melodies and rootsy accompaniment 10 MP3 Songs COUNTRY: Country Folk, COUNTRY: Country Rock Details: Nathan Holscher came to the buzzing metropolis of Richmond, Indiana in the Fall of 2000 with two goals in mind: 1) get the college degree he had promised his mother and 2) break into the town's burgeoning (cough) music scene. After three years of changing majors to avoid morning classes and playing Guns and Roses covers to glossy-eyed Woman's Studies majors, he met Sarah Ferrell (formerly of Vida). In Ferrell he found someone who embraced his love of Townes Van Zandt, Gram Parsons and warm whiskey. He also found a voice that harmonized quite well with his own. The two quickly formed a partnership that has overcome geographical hardships (Ferrell would later move to New Mexico) and bad part-time jobs to endure, more or less, to this very day. In the Summer of 2004, after Holscher had scrapped together enough credits to get his degree in religious studies and Ferrell graduated from a school of massage therapy in Albuquerque, there was loose talk of going into a studio in Galena, IL (Holscher's adopted home town) in the hope of creating an album. After racking up some mileage on the roads between New Mexico and western Illinois, they bought some studio time at Heartland Studios in Galena and went to work. Lacking the funding (Haliburton was not hiring Religion Majors that summer) needed to purchase a relaxing week of takes and retakes, they plowed through most of the album in one 15 hour session that ended with both of them sampling various respiratory infections from the fetal position. But, amidst the phlegm-tossing and random application of Vick's Vapo Rub that followed, there arose the sweet and rugged sound of "Pray for Rain," their fist studio album. Replete with high and lonesome melodies, the songs enjoy the accompaniment of a few top-shelf musicians (percussion, dobro, steel guitar), giving the album the rootsy and organic qualities its creators had envisioned. With "Pray for Rain" in the bag,

Holschger stumbled back towards Richmond to be near a good banjo player (Joe Bolinger) and fiddler (Isaiah Rembert) in hopes of finding some work playing in the lower Midwest. Despite Richmond's abundance of low-cost housing and dive bars, there's talk of relocation by the end of the year. It seems too many of us are haunted by the notion that there's a better gig somewhere down the road.

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