

Mp3 Rex Mann - Northbound



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for June, 2008. They compared the tunes to those recorded by David Gates (Bread) and Seals Crofts. They added that THESE SONGS STAND THE TEST OF TIME. Anyway, once or twice a week for between 6 - 8 months, we got together in Brians basement (The Home Studio,) and with help from his computer we were able to generate a demo disc that we hoped could be used to recruit the more mature members of the musical ensemble that we believed were necessary, and that thankfully, proved to be available and willing to contribute their rather prodigious skill sets to Northbound. They are identified on the back of the jacket. We all hope you enjoy the music.

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