

Mp3 Mark Winkler - Easy The Hard Way



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as the theme song for Playboy After Dark". "It's just me and Anthony Wilson on guitar facing each other-- it was all very organic and real, no overdubbing here." "Easy The Hard Way" is an album chock full of a lifetime of emotions from sexy to sad to funny- Winkler's lyrics paint a picture and tell a story just waiting to be told.

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