## Mp3 Owny Rutledge - The Truth Is You



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Alternative country blues rock and rusty, worn and tattered Americana edge that brings a pleasant gristle to every track. 10 MP3 Songs COUNTRY: Country Blues, ROCK: Americana Details: Owny Rutledge was born in Victoria, Canada. At thirteen he was the first kid in his class to take the grease out of his hair and where it long. He was sent home just for the day, but never returned, instead turning all his attention to his passion for music. Within a year he was kicked out of his house and living on the street, singing and playing songs he'd written on his guitar for anyone that would listen. By the time he was seventeen, he'd been living in the basements of a bars and abandoned where houses for long enough and knew it was time to leave the small nook of Victoria. Equipped with nothing but his guitar and a tiny journal filled with his lyrics, he embarked on a troubadour like journey that lasted well over a decade and would take him across Europe, through the Middle East and as far as New Zealand. It was in New Zealand that Owny felt most at home, staying there for more than two years. Nestled in a tiny village on the edge of nowhere, Owny wrote songs and developed a strong kinship with the locals. When he returned home he met Laurel Gillespie a gifted local songwriter. The two married and began a working partnership that remains to this day. The pair began recording the songs they had written over the years, on a cheap tape recorder. These were made for their friends, never with the intention of them reaching a larger audience. Somehow an executive from Hollywood got a hold of one of them and Owny was guickly offered to record an LP for Capital records independent label Esquire Records. Owny and Laurel packed up everything they had (which wasn't much) and made the move to California. Unfortunately the recording sessions were filled with tension and disagreements between them and the record executives, regarding the direction the songs should go in. Disillusioned by the results, Owny swore to never make another record again. Instead the musical pair went right back to what had worked in the past: writing songs and playing them for

whoever would listen. However, as time went on, the pressure from family and friends grew to record again. Only this time it would have to be done their way. After many late nights in a shed behind their house, hovered over a home recording module, their life's work had finally been given the raw, barebones treatment it deserved. The results are The Truth is You-- ten songs that speak for a long life of turmoil, hardship and ultimately redemption.

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