

# Mp3 Chip Withrow - Everyday Things



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pretty good, others not so hot. Then one late afternoon at the beach, our daughter Josie told me that she thought the setting sun looked like a big red ball. So I wrote a song about it. Later, Josie and I were reading a book about animals and she pronounced the g in gnu. I wrote a song about it. I began looking at music and songwriting in a whole new way. The songs were coming to me in bursts, and the lyrics were making me smile as I wrote them. So now, I'm taking off on a new adventure - what I call folk rock for groovin families. These are songs that I hope kids and their parents will dig together - some are fun, some teach lessons, some are heartwarming. This is a journey that Josie, my wife Anna and I are taking together. When Josie dances, I know I'm onto something. And Anna is my manager, best friend, occasional critic and reluctant back-up singer. Life is good - we find the joy in everyday things. Hope you find the joy and take the journey with us.

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