

## Mp3 The Rtts - Turn It Up Mommy



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This roots-rocking kids cd might just be the most fun record you hear all year. Finally a kids record made for parents. This is rock'n'roll music for the kid in your life or the kid in you. 10 MP3 Songs KIDS/FAMILY: Kid Friendly, ROCK: Roots Rock Details: Finally a kids record parents will enjoy as much as their kids! "Turn it Up Mommy" features ten roots-rockin' songs for the whole family. The songs combine infectious beats with humorous lyrics and positive educational themes. The RTTs are also known as The Rhodes Tavern Troubadours, an award-winning rock and roll band from Washington, DC. Combined the members of the RTTs have recorded on 40 albums and have performed in over 40 states and 12 countries! CD Baby has picked this as one of our top selling albums of December, 2003. Here's our review: This CD absolutely made me do a double take, "This is for kids?!" That says a lot for the common denominator of kid's music, when it doesn't give itself away by either the quality or the instrumentation. There just isn't such thing as kid's music that's too sophisticated and "easy listening" for parents and The RTTs certainly drive that point home with, "Turn It Up, Mommy." This wholesome, rootsy and americana-styled album charts the fine balance between an album that's fun, catchy, kid-friendly and yet classic, respectable and considerate of grown-ups. This is no less than kid's music with adult integrity. The Washington Post. Friday, May 14, 2004; Page WE07 THE RTTS "Turn It Up Mommy!" Route 11 Chances are kids who receive "Turn It Up Mommy!" from their parents will see right through the ruse and ask: Whose present is this, anyway? That's because grown-ups will probably crank up "Turn It Up" far more often than their offspring -- especially adults fond of, say, NRBQ or the Traveling Wilburys or just about any variety of Chuck Berry-flavored or Telecaster-twangy roots rock. So what if one of singer-songwriter Jake Flack's catchy chants -- "Please don't play the Wiggles, Raffi or Barney, 'cause right now Mommy I need some rock 'n' roll" -- borders on brain-washing? Desperate times demand desperate measures. As on the

quartet's debut, the songs here are mostly smart and tuneful. But this time around, Flack has taken on the additional challenge of writing for kids and adults alike. In the process, he comes up with some funny stuff, such as the family portrait "Sherpa," which concerns the burdens every parent must shoulder: "When we're going anywhere, daddy is always packing up the gear / even if we're just walking to the store / looks like we're leaving for a year. / Well, now, don't forget the stroller, don't forget the phone and what about the Teddy bear / Do you have the snacks packed and are they in the backpack and what about the extra underwear?" Flack also contributes "Big Train," a terrific baseball anthem dedicated to Hall of Fame pitcher Walter Johnson. As for the band's sound, the group consistently emphasizes the fun in rock fundamentals, with guitarist Dave Chappell, bassist Mark Noone and drummer Jack O'Dell generating lots of color and momentum. The only downside is the disc's playing time -- a scant 27 minutes. -- Mike Joyce  
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