

Mp3 Bruce Ballum - Open Hands



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Thought provoking christian music in a variety of styles. The kind of album you would put on Saturday morning while you are making french toast. 9 MP3 Songs GOSPEL: Contemporary Gospel, FOLK: Modern Folk Details: Bruce Ballum People say you can take the boy out of Alaska but not Alaska out of the boy. There I was in Plainfield, New Jersey just doing the normal kid stuff when I discovered Elvis and "You Aint Nothin' But A Hound Dog". That was the coolest thing that had ever happened until dad decided to pack up the family and head West. We ended up in my mom's hometown of Cordova, Alaska. Being only 9 years old at the time, I thought this was coolest thing our family had ever done. Cordova, Alaska became my home for 37 years. Located on Prince William Sound, this old fishing town had 9 bars, 11 churches, and every variety of character and creature. I was one of the lucky ones, coming of age at the birth of rock-n-roll ... listening to Teen Time on KLAM Radio. But what eternally hooked me to music was hearing the Beatles in 1964. A Christmas gift, a genuine plywood Sears-Roebuck guitar from their catalog, started my career. I played until my fingers bled. It was glorious. My buddies and I practiced for hours over at the VanBrocklins. We played at all of the school dances and town events - even went on tour to Valdez and Anchorage. Years passed ... I continued to play music and became the go-to sound guy. Bands like, The Roadsters, Mr. Clean, would have a 6-week gig in Cordova and they'd invite me to jam with them. The local crowd enjoyed seeing one of their own up on stage playing with these guys. Years later, here I am living happily near the shores of Lake Minnetonka in Minnesota with a wife, son and cats. Our family has learned the value of living life with expectancy, generosity and faith. OPEN HANDS is my first album ... the type of CD you'd play on a Saturday morning with coffee cup in hand as you watch the sunrise. But my bluesy rock-n-roll roots run deep. REFLECTIONS, my second album, is in the works. I'm taking a walk back into my life. This CD will go back to those rock-n-roll days, first

romances, the magic of Alaska and the thrill you get when the groove gives birth.

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