Mp3 Amy Stroup - Chasing Greenlights



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Retro, rootsy, crisp folk-based pop rock. 12 MP3 Songs POP: Folky Pop, ROCK: Folk Rock Details: Definition: Chasing Greenlights- to follow the glow, be in the go, pick up on lifes rhythms. Sny: missional, tenacious, driven For the past two years or so, I have been writing for a new album. So many songs have come and gone, but when I sat down to write the song Chasing Greenlights last November from some journals and poetry that I had previously written from various life stages adding bits and pieces at a time, it became the building blocks for the rest of the album. I co-wrote the melody with friends and producer Paul Buono and Steve Savage and thus began an out pouring of melodies and lyrics for rest of the album. Chasing Greenlights took me back to Texas and for the first time allowed expression and the bridging of my past, present, and future. I grew up in Abilene in the middle of the wide-open hill country in Texas. Our family lived on 6 acres surrounded by miles of ranch land, a Texas tank, and wildflowers. To get to our house you had to drive down Treadway Blvd. Treadaway was a long, straight, industrial ghost road with tons and tons of stoplights providing safe travel for miles of empty intersections. I remember the long wait for the dusty flicker of the green light to come, so I could then hit another red light only a block away. As a teenager first learning to drive, I figured out that the stoplights were timed. On Treadaway they actually were set to a certain rhythm, and if I drove a certain speed I could hit all Greenlights. It was beautiful locking into the rhythms, like the fascination of watching placed dominos falling into amazing patterns in perfect rhythm, time, and space. If I drove too fast, I would hit red lights and if I drove too slow I would hit red lights, but if I locked into a certain speed I hit all Greenlights. When we pick up on the rhythm of life from our Creator we live mission lives, in essence we hit the Greenlights. Even though the chase is mysterious, challenging, and unpredictable, when we recklessly abandon ourselves and seek the very face of God the dominos fall into place, life has new meaning and we begin to get into the go and ride locked into the rhythms of the Green Lights.

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