

Mp3 Steve Osheyack - Crossroads For Peace



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17 MP3 Songs FOLK: Modern Folk, COUNTRY: Country Folk Details: Osheyack who.AGAIN? Well, just because you didnt hear him on his first record release on Newbraugh Brothers Music, entitled Blink of an Eye doesnt mean you should pass up this excellent follow-up project called, Crossroads For Peace.

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Music composition has always been a way for Osheyack to keep the demons from pulling him under and this collection of songs chronicles Osheyacks journey to the mysterious crossroads made famous by bluesman, Robert Johnson. Every artist has taken a journey there, Osheyack states, some havent come back to tell about it and still others just threw in the towel, rather than face the beast. Osheyack pauses, then smiles defiantly and says, Of course, it should be known that the beast is within us, and its up to us to smokeem out, so we can keep moving on down the road, without the drag of a bunch of baggage from the past. This collection of songs was written during Osheyacks tenuous journey to the crossroads and his triumphant return, with a little help from friends and family. Osheyack says, Of course, thats what it is all about in the final chapterconnections. No amount of money will buy you peace of mind, and more often than not, money will just make it worse, if youre not prepared for the unforgiving lessons that the crossroads will throw in your path, as you come face to face with yourself. So sit back and listen carefully as Osheyack leads you to the edge of his crossroads, which may just intersect with yours. More than anything, I want my kids to see me chase a dream down and I want the music to be part of their memories and available to them later in life and also to their children.success or not. I want them to know how important it is to find something they like to do, in their spare time and ferociously go after it. By example, I want them to see me push past and through rejection and all the insecurities that come with

putting a little bit of your soul out on the chopping block, which in and of itself, is all part of the crossroads for peace. Heres a run-down of the songs: 1. Crossroads For Peace - Wowthis song was a gift to me. It was written and recorded in a very short time frame. I wrote it on the eve of my awakening, if that makes sense. I had a lot of crap in my past, as most people do. A lot of baggage I was getting ready to cut loose and I was preparing to do so. This song set the scene for all of the songs that came after that. 2. Aint No Place To Be - A powerful song in and of itself. I wrote it for a friend who was going through a divorce from his childhood sweetheart after 20 + years of marriage. I put myself in his shoes and thought how it would feelhow lonely it must be. There is a happy ending though. He did end up allowing himself to fall in love again and getting married. 3. Woman of Flames - One of the very first songs I ever wrote. I wrote it a good 20 years ago when my Wife and I were on the front end of having children. I think it captures the simplicity of love, commitment and the journey. 4. Rumour Mill - A story song. God, how I hate gossip! This song was my way of going after those people who spread lies and isolating a snapshot of what happens if a lie gets out of hand. 5. The Forgiveness Song - Part of the whole Crossroads theme for me was realizing that personal responsibility means forgiving people in my past and realizing that I am not perfect, nor should I expect perfection from anyone else. Were all on the same journey and all liable to make mistakes. Forgiveness is a huge requirement when cutting the bags loose on the road of life. 6. Going Down - A blues song. Simple direct. I think this song marks the entrance into the crossroads, but me as the writer makes it clear that Im looking for something more than a dead mans sight. 7. Fortress - This song is me looking back at me and how I got to be me. Never really felt like I fit. Always thought I was born at the wrong time and in the wrong place. On the outside looking in. This song kind of defines how I turned that insecurity into a strength that worked for me. 8. Damaged Goods - Almost left this song out, but I just couldnt, because it fits into the whole Crossroads theme. I personally love this song. I wrote it looking back at my whole experience working as a parole officer within the criminal justice system and all the sad stories I would hear. Its very easy to forget that people in trouble with the law and who ended up on the ragged edge of life, all started with the same chance, but ended up taking a detour on the crossroads. I recorded this song envisioning a couple of guys with guitars sitting outside on a warm summer day with a few beers between them belting out this song. Almost left it out, because in order to get the sound right, I had to minimize the second vocal, which you can still hear in the background. After I was done with the whole project, I realized that this imperfection is actually part of the songs whole theme

and just had to be included because it was part of the Crossroads. 9. When The Whip Comes Down - A blues song running straight at you. It's a song about facing truth regardless of the consequences. 10. Happy Days N Hard Luck Tales - This is my one and only Christmas song! I wrote several Xmas ago after a weary day of opening presents, putting toys together, drinking hot chocolate and looking at old family pictures. I'm a pretty lucky guy is all I can say. 11. Double Secret Remedy - A song about a guy looking back at his youth and looking at the way he was raising his own kids and wondering out loud if he was making the same mistakes it's just hard to know. 12. Genuine Boy Scout - We were living in this suburban community and I was watching this guy living nearby in the way he was raising his kid. It was very disturbing how he would expect him to be so grown up at such a young age. The kid grew up being very resentful and full of anger just another detour on the crossroads. 13. Mind Game Show - When my 15 year old son was in second grade, the school district we were living in, started doing the ADHD Stomp trying to convince us that the only way for him to be normal was to be medicated. I was angry at the system that seeks to medicate these kids and wondered how many kids get lost along the way because they had no one to advocate for them. My son, Matthew ended up being home-schooled and is the one who created the original design for the Crossroads cover. A very smart creative kid. It is a very scary decision to home-school, but it was even scarier to leave him in the system, because he was getting chewed up. It took several years to undo some of the damage done to him, but he is doing wonderfully. I don't have anything against the school system in general. For some kids it works and for others - it simply does not. 14. Glitter In My Eye - I've got four boys 17, 15, 13 and 10. Then I have a little girl named Taylor who will soon be 9 years old. I wrote this song for her, so she has it as her memory of me. Always thought how nice it would be for her to be able to play this song on her wedding day. 15. Finger On The Trigger - This is a story song about not giving up and staying on the crossroads until you find the right path that leads to the way out. 16. Wrecking Ball - A good friend of mine was battling depression and tried to commit suicide and ended up in the psychiatric ward, while he was hanging out on the corner of his own crossroads. I got a phone call about what happened, hung up the phone and wrote this song. This is what that moment produced. 17. Soul Searcher - This is one of my Wife's favorite songs. It's very simple and direct, but I think it's the way that this collection is supposed to end. The message being that the crossroads and the keys to it lie within us the last place that I searched, probably should have been the first. Well there you have it A full blow by blow description of each song. Steve

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