

Mp3 Pat Flanakin - Hard Times



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An alternative pop/rock group of songs that depict rough times - war, loss of faith, riots, heartbreak, homelessness - and hope 12 MP3 Songs POP: 90's Pop, ROCK: Acoustic Details: I was born in Dallas and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I wrote, sang, and did all the instrumentation on this CD. The CD has a theme of "hard times" - something everyone goes through. Sometimes it feels like we'll never get out of those rough times - but I think the songs show a hope for better times - which I've found usually do come if you believe they will. "Martha" and "Brother John" are about war - "Martha" about the current war on terrorism and "Brother John" about Vietnam - both are mellow ballads, as is "Hello Hollywood" - about another hopeful artist who comes to Hollywood to be a star. The title song, "Hard Times," as well as "Who Said," "Life's So Lonely," "Did You See The Rain," "Burning Embers," and "Wounded Bird" are up-tempo pop/rock songs; "Rain One Me" and "Chester Me" border on R&B/Blues. "When I Stand At The Riverside" has a spiritual feel to it - different genres for all of our different moods. The song "Burning Embers" is about the riots in Los Angeles in 1992. I was there and saw and smelled the smoke coming from outside my apartment - I remember the fear, as it seemed the entire town was on fire. It took my wife 6 hours to get home from work that day - a trip that usually took 15 minutes. All that devastation was prompted by pent-up frustration caused by racial injustice. This song expresses my frustration that change is so slow in coming. I hope you "enjoy" the CD - sometimes the most meaningful music is that which makes you feel. I do think, however, that there's a silver lining to it all.

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