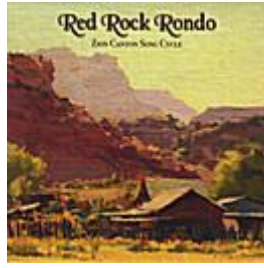


# Mp3 Red Rock Rondo - Zion Canyon Song Cycle



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