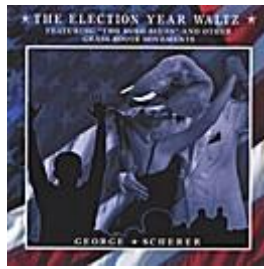


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Blues" nationally), called the song, "a terrific song for 2004, that is politically smart and sophisticated, and musically wonderful". One listener to the station, said: "I literally spit coffee out my nose when the song came on." It has that kind of impact, and the rest of the album does as well. It's a rural album with a city sensibility; a throwback to a simpler time, yet filled with all the complexities of modern life. In a world full of lip-synch celebrities, karaoke singers, corporate sponsorships and "costume malfunctions", George Scherer's thoughtful, poetic lyrics and seasoned country-blues style, are like the freight train you hear in the distance late at night, while standing on the back porch of your suburban home. Quotes and reviews:

"A terrific song for 2004 that is politically smart and sophisticated, and musically wonderful. Music You Can't Hear On The Radio with John Weingart WPRB at 103.3 FM and WPRB.com Princeton, New Jersey veryseldom.com "It does not fit exactly with the normal genres I play but it was one of these songs that just needs to get heard. I not only agree wholeheartedly with the lyrics, but I laughed my butt off. It is a great tune and just in time for the coming election debacle." Bruce Pierson, Tree and Root WDVR-FM Sergeantsville NJ I just heard the song, "Two Bush Blues" . . . for the first time on local station WKZE, coming home from work. I was flabberghasted....!! It was exactly how I feel and I loved the feel of the song... great.. Bob Dorn, fan, Beacon, NY Great satire-especially "Two Bush Blues". Charles Darling, WYSU, Youngstown OH " . . .says things that need to be said" Bruce Sylvester,WMBR, Cambridge MA . . .excellent . . .nice job. .. Bob Schremser Kaleidoscope, WTSR, Trenton NJ "I howled as I listend to this song (Two Bush Blues), but George Dubya's mamma will probably fast forward through this one. Many of Scherer's songs take me back to the 60's when folk songs . . . were written with social conscience. They are intended to get people to sit up and think and not accept the views of the corporate-opwned network-news-in-sixty-seconds sound bites. One person described the "Election Year Waltz" CD as whimsical fun and social commentary, in just the right mix, so that it doesn't come off heavy handed. I could not have said it better myself." Rick Watson, Snakeskin, April 2004 "I literally spit coffee out my nose when the song came on" Martin Focazio, fan, Upper Black Eddy, PA "Two Bush Blues", along with other songs from "The Election Year Waltz", is being played (so far) on: WPRB-Princeton, NJ WMBR, Cambridge MA WTIP, Grand Marais, MN WFCR-Valley Folk, Amherst, MA KRBD, Ketchikan, AK WFMT-The Midnight Special, Chicago, IL WDIY, Bethlehem, PA 107.7 The Point, Montpieler, VT WYSU-FM, Youngstown OH KOPN-Columbia, MO WTSR, Trenton NJ WDVR-Sergeantsville, NJ WKZE-Hudson Valley, NY Hootenanny Power (WRKF)-Baton Rouge, LA BlazerRadio (Internet

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