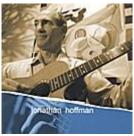
## Mp3 Jonathan Hoffman - Guess I'll Have To Write My Own



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Lyrical acoustic singer-songwriter backed up by some of Portland, Oregon's finest musicians. 13 MP3 Songs FOLK: Modern Folk, FOLK: Folk Pop Details: Jonathan Hoffman began performing acoustic music while still attending junior high in Eugene, Oregon. The vice-principal caught him singing a Tom Lehrer song (Be Prepared) at the Eighth Grade school dance in 1960, dragged him into the office, called his mother, and expressed deep concern about his future. Students again invited Hoffman to sing at the school dance the following year. Taking no chances this time, the vice-principal made him stand in the hall and recite the lyrics of the song he planned to sing (Michael, Row the Boat Ashore), before permitting him to return to the stage. Hoffman continued his music throughout high school and college, singing at many coffeehouses throughout the Boston-Cambridge area in the late 1960's. He was a regular performer at the Nameless Coffeehouse in Harvard Square and appears on the first two albums of The Best of the Nameless Coffeehouse. A significant number of coffeehouses throughout the Boston metropolitan area and, later, the rest of the country, closed their doors shortly after Hoffman performed in them. During his college years, his screen career began and ended with his appearance in The Way West (1967), starring Kirk Douglas, Robert Mitchum, Richard Widmark, and Sally Field--a movie which one critic perceptively described as, 'The worst movie of this--or any other--season.' In 1971, his hit single, 'The Talking Eugene Cross,' electrified several fans throughout the upper Willamette Valley and sold literally tens of copies throughout the greater Eugene metropolitan area. Some have credited this song for the City's decision to remove the neon cross from public property shortly thereafter--in 1998. Hoffman's quest for commercial stardom ended the same year he released his hit single--1971--after a Los Angeles record producer determined that Hoffman had nothing in his repertoire sounding remotely like 'Sugar, Sugar.' Hoffman has continued to write music in relative obscurity. In other words, most of his

material remains obscure even to his relatives. His second CD, "Good Friends" is expected out later this spring. It will contain such eternally hopeful songs as, "The Sox Finally Win the Series," and songs with profound messages, such as "Steal this Song." Jonathan Hoffman now lives in Portland, Oregon, with his wife Susan and their dog Watson. His four children have grown up and moved on, but the dog remains quite fond of some of Hoffman's music.

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