

## Mp3 Greg Adkins - Lower Than The Angels



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modern folk / singer-songwriter 11 MP3 Songs FOLK: Modern Folk, ROCK: Folk Rock Details: Greg Adkins hadn't written a song in nearly three years and was on the verge of giving up writing altogether when one night while walking his dogs, everything changed. "I was at a crossroads... I knew I needed to either give writing a fair chance and really pour myself into it, or else give it up completely." said Adkins. "One night while walking my dogs in the backyard, I had an idea that ended up changing my life." That idea was to write and record in his home studio one song per week for an entire year. Greg called this project "52 songs in 52 weeks" and launched a website to allow family and friends to track his progress. "I started in October of 2003 not knowing how in the world I was going to write that many songs in such a short period of time" says Adkins. But write them he did and amazingly, in October of 2004, exactly one year to the day after the first song was posted (Are you Out there Tonight), Greg posted his final song (Song Stuck in Your Head). The result is an impressive collection of material... ranging from full band rockers to quiet piano ballads; from hilarious songs about giant hamburgers and the church of the future, to poignant stories of heartbreak and loss. The experience gained in that year of intense writing paid off for Greg in 2005. Encouraged by the interest surrounding his "52 songs in 52 weeks" project (over 40,000 hits to the website during that year) Greg decided to take the best songs and go into the recording studio to create his first record. He recruited the help of Nashville musician and producer Andrew Osenga (Caedmon's Call, The Normals, Lizza Conner) and together, they spent the summer bringing twelve of those songs to life. The result is Greg's first CD, "Lower than the Angels" which features guest appearances from Andrew Peterson, Aaron Sands (Jars of Clay), Kenny Hutson (Vigilantes of Love), Ben Shive (Andrew Peterson, Dave Barnes), and Marcus Myers (Silers Bald). To support the release of "Lower than the Angels", Greg will be touring the Eastern US throughout the fall of 2005 and spring of

2006. "I'll be traveling both as a solo artist and also with a band" says Adkins, whose live show is every bit as diverse as his songs. Bouncing back and forth between piano and guitar (and the occasional harmonica, accordion, and hammered dulcimer), Greg's philosophy is to never give the audience time to catch their breath. "I try to mix things up on stage, keeping in mind that my job is to be more than just a singer or a storyteller... I'm also an entertainer" says Adkins. Greg lives in Knoxville, Tennessee with his wife Jessica and his son Connor.

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