## Mp3 D.c. Bloom - Simpler Times A-wastin'



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Times A-Wastin. So D.C. Bloom as the quintessential late bloomer is more than a little legit. D.C.s journey from the Black Swamp land of northwest Ohio to the Texas Hill Country is as circuitous as his musical evolution. He left the Buckeye State in his rear-view mirror in the late 70s to travel to the nations capital for a job with the FBI, where he began as a humble data entry clerk and ended up writing speeches for the Director. Bloom next took his growing family to Boston, heeding the siren call of the private sectors bigger paydays and earning a Masters degree in Speech Communication from the esteemed Emerson College. A return trip to D.C. four years later put him back in the business of putting words in the mouths of policymakers and movers and shakers in banking and housing finance. It wasnt until the late 90s, when on a whim and the suggestion of a co-worker who detected a lack of true passion in Blooms false calling that he signed up for a songwriting workshop at the Kerrville Folk Festival and began to string words and chords together in a format more to his liking than the day job 30-minute PowerPoint presentations that paid the mortgage. Bloom next took his growing binder of original songs to Geoff Pemble, who played in the praise band at the church D.C. attended in Vienna, Virginia. Pemble invited D.C. to join the Gods house band, which he did somewhat reluctantly, because contemporary Christian music didnt necessarily ring his chimes. But after the weekly rehearsals in the church sanctuary, Bloom and Pemble stayed on to work on D.C.s secular songs, some of which probably never should have been sung anywhere near an altar. In any event, the two soon formed an Americana band called The Dog Waggers and self-produced a CD called Chasin Tales, which the good Lutherans of Northern Virginia scarfed up like fresh dog treats. And some of them even figured out that the title was more about pursuing posteriors than posterity. As his alphabetized binder continued to expand, Bloom dreamed of landing a cushy corporate gig that would finance his move to Texas and put him within easy driving distance of the sacred grounds of Kerrville. Lightning finally struck in early 2004, and the headhunted D.C. would bid adieu to the Dog Waggers and travel south by southwest to San Antonio with his beat-up Tacoma guitar and a new dream to get out there and perform on his own and finally put out a CD all by his lonesome. A little mishap on a mountain bike and a goat farm that resulted in a broken left wrist and pins being inserted in same slowed things down a bit, but the recuperation time also allowed D.C. to pen more tunes to his new home state. I have long wanted to be a Texas singer-songwriter, Bloom acknowledges, and I figured the best way to do that is to write a song about every town and city in the state. With atlas and guitar in hand, he added to the repertoire that would form the basis for many of the songs on STA-W.

Blooms songs are chock full of witty wordplay and hand-hewn humor. It may not seem like it, D.C. notes, but I really do work at this silly stuff, ya know? Because not unlike the spin and obtuse soundbites that emanate from the real D.C., theres often more than one way to interpret D.C.s lyrics. Bloom paraphrases another fella who had a keen eye and an ability to masquerade truth in satire, saying, Yep, I never met a double entendre I didnt like. The songs on Simpler Times A-Wastin (STA-W) bear out D.C. Blooms unique way with words. He sings of a headturning gal from Texarkana who much prefers men from Texas because when shes with Arkansas guys she cant get her Little Rocks off. Theres the delightful Ballad of Boerne and Alice, which chronicles the on-line romance and the less-than-satisfying in-person hook-up of two residents of two Texas towns whose names sound a lot like where theyre from. He takes a playful jab at the business community of the Alamo City on I Cant Forget the Alamo, ticking off the real and imagined names of San Antonio enterprises that cant resist the temptation to call themselves Alamo something-or-other. And on the jazz-boiled Small Potatoes, which features the beautiful acoustic guitar work of Maestro Aurora, D.C. offers homage to the virtues of organic farming, diesel-powered cats in greasy trucker caps, and the noble pursuits of common women and men. The CD also includes two tracks with his former bandmates, the Dog Waggers, including Ice Box on the Fritz, a bouncing Sir Doug-inspired romp about a refrigerator handyman with more than repairs on his mind. But while its D.C.s light-hearted cleverness that draws the listener in, theres also a reflective, thoughtful side to his songwriting that touches on universal themes such as family or longing for deeper connections. On Acres to Plow, which features the harmonies of Terri Hendrix and the steel guitar of Lloyd Maines, both of whom he first met at that defining Kerrville workshop, D.C. reminisces about his dairy farming father who would joyfully sing on his tractor all day long. And on the haunting and sobering Neon Signs, D.C draws the parallel between those once-buzzing storefront artifacts from earlier days that have lost their way and their will to shine and broken down people who cling to false hope and memories of bygone and fading love. In short, Simpler Times A-Wastin is the aural equivalent of those precious plants that bloom infrequently, but brilliantly. Sometimes, in music and nature alike, it is the rarity of the blooming that inspires awe and there is a thrilling poignancy in experiencing it in its moment. D.C. Bloom neednt apologize for being a late bloomer by any means, but lets hope the next flowering of songs dont take nearly as long to germinate and blossom, now that hes escaped the bureaucratic gridlock of D.C. for the more creative climes of Central Texas.

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