Mp3 Sam Cahoon - The Dismal Stars And The Clouds Afar



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Folk fused from traditional Irish, Scottish, and American styles. Inspired by Shane MacGowan, the Clancy Brothers, the Dubliners, Johnny Cash, Woody Gutherie, Nick Cave, and the Clash. 12 MP3 Songs in this album (46:10)! Related styles: FOLK: Celtic Folk, COUNTRY: Outlaw Country People who are interested in Johnny Cash Shane MacGowan Luke Kelly should consider this download. Details: Sam Cahoon was born in Petaluma, California, a suburb of San Francisco, May 25, 1984. He claims to have been a singer since before he could remember, but did not start playing music until he was 16. "I was attending an independent study high school when I started playing music, so I was able to practice upwards of five hours a day. Although he was into punk rock as a teenager, traditional Irish folk came as the most natural thing for Sam to play. I had already been singing the songs for years before I started playing them. I was originally attracted to Irish ballads because of the lyrics fluent poetry. My biggest singing influences were Luke Kelly(The Dubliners) and Liam Clancy(The Clancy Brothers)". He quickly became proficient at playing the old favorites, and then moved on to digging up and composing lesser known folk songs. "I have always loved finding a beautiful, forgotten folk song and putting new life into it. I greatly respect people like Woody Guthrie, John and Alan Lomax, and Ewan MacColl for collecting songs and keeping them alive." It was also at this time that he started writing his own songs, with topics ranging from love to war to drinking. "Song writing came naturally to me. I would take a story or event, and whittle it down to the core, keeping it short and sweet. In school I studied Stanislavski and the magic "if". That had a major influence on my writing. The majority of my songs are written in the first person." No doubt about it, Sam Cahoon seems to have created a style of his own, a fusion of Irish, folk, country, and rock, with his own unique twist. "'The Dismal Stars and the Clouds Afar' rings back to the time of the first Traditional folk bands of the 50's and 60's. And yet he is so young, but full of such exuberance and depth. The album is

strong, bold, funny and uniting. all the things that mirror reality in song." -Linda Coogan(singer/ song writer) "I like his voice and he obviously has a gift for writing." -Sean Tyrrell(folk singer/ musician)

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