

THE Karl Shiflett & Big Country SHOW

A Tribute to Jake Jenkins



Master Musician / Songsmith Deluxe

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1. Worries On My Mind 2:44 Laynette Publishing Company BMI
2. Cold, Cold Love 3:24 Laynette Publishing Company BMI
3. Turn Around 2:20 Laynette Publishing Company BMI
4. Jakebrakes 2:25 Brandenote Publishing Company BMI
5. If I Could Take You Home 2:42 Laynette Publishing Company BMI
6. Another Day 2:59 Brandenote Publishing Company BMI
7. Walkin' In The Big Country 2:31 Brandenote Publishing Company BMI
8. Whole Lot Of Loving On My Mind 2:44 Laynette Publishing Company BMI
9. I Wish I Was Him 3:55 Laynette Publishing Company BMI
10. How Wrong A Man Can Be 3:02 Laynette Publishing Company BMI
11. Oh Lord, I Pray 3:08 Laynette Publishing Company BMI
12. Hoss Fly 2:27 Laynette Publishing Company BMI

All songs written by Jake Jenkins

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This CD project is a tribute to our dear friend and former band mate Jake Jenkins, who left this world at the age of 40. The songs and tunes in this collection were all written by Jake and performed by the KSBC show during his tenure with the band. He will be missed by all who knew him but his musical contributions to the band and bluegrass music in general will live on for many generations to enjoy.

Jake Jenkins was the original banjo picker with the KSBC show and stayed with the group for ten years (1993 thru 2003). As a *master musician* his musical contributions were monumental and helped shape the sound the band has become so well known for. It wasn't something that happened overnight but developed as a result of team work while we searched to create our own niche within the framework of bluegrass music. Being from the great state of Texas, we as a group, were heavily influenced by the sounds of traditional country music, western swing and honky tonk. It was the music we grew up on. As a musician Jake embraced these influences and incorporated elements of the various styles of country music into his banjo playing. He played licks and riffs on the banjo that had previously been played on instruments like the steel guitar and piano. The final result was a banjo style developed by Jake Jenkins that fit the KSBC show perfectly. It was country and that's what we were, just country folks with country ways who loved traditional country and bluegrass music.

As a *songsmith deluxe* he wrote songs out of necessity so we would have something to record. Every song he wrote was true and from the heart. I don't recall any song that he ever wrote not being based on a true life experience. He always felt it best to record original tunes to help create an identity for the band. Jake could come up with a song pretty quick. He once wrote a song for our good buddy "Roger Williams" who has traveled with the group for the last 15 years or so. Roger had retired from the rail road so Jake wrote a song called "Rail Road Roger". It was a good one.

This CD project contains 12 songs written by Jake and recorded for Rebel Records by "The Karl Shiflett & Big Country Show". All of these tunes but one appear on projects from Rebel. One song "I've got a whole lot of loving on my mind" was never released by Rebel and appears here for the first time. A song written by Jake while missing his wife while out on the road.

It is my hope that you will enjoy this collection of tunes as we pay tribute to a great man, husband, father and musician who touched the lives of every person he came in contact with during his time here on earth.
Karl Shiflett