



“Look back over the past,  
with its changing empires that rose and fell,  
and you can foresee the future.”  
*Marcus Aurelius, Roman soldier 124AD*

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PIRATE is an album about majestic failure ... a song cycle of social and political love poems ... a musical missive about the past and everything we should have learned ... but failed.

ASSASSINS IN THE KINGDOM was written at the fall of the twin towers, it sat in my folder for several years. Lately, this dark, cryptic gothic composition about War ... think Dylan meets Dan Fogelberg meets The Beatles meets Pink Floyd meets Eric Clapton ... and on this album it has finally come to life. For me, it is an unusual recording but I wanted to keep in the ominous, gothic spirit of the lyrics.

THE ACCUSATION is my protest song against hate and war. The world seems so angry these days, led by angry people who see past human need and are concerned more about their own power, influence and money. And yet, it's always been this way.

Songwriters don't write protest songs any more. I guess we live in an age of artistic fear. These are "non-protest songs." Listen to the album a few times .. you'll get it.

Carry on in good faith, my friends. As George Harrison told us so many years ago, "This too shall pass."

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Dedicated to my wife, Melissa, for turning our Kentucky log cabin on a hill into a castle and fortress of affection and music ... and for tolerating this music thing I do.

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## “Art is Accusation”

*Gunter Grass, German novelist 1953*

- 1 The Room 4:13
- 2 Assassins in the Kingdom 6:45
- 3 The Accusation 3:53
- 4 Cosmic Banjo 3:06
- 5 Windows 3:28
- 6 Masters of War 3:27
- 7 Flyin' 2:50
- 8 Pirate 4:23

"I tell you my pain so that I  
might relieve you of yours."  
*James Baldwin*

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