

BERRY DONMARK

"RAIN DRENCHED SPARROW"

2023

Berry Donmark is a Minneapolis-based guitarist, singer-songwriter and member of the band The Other Hit. His single "Rain Drenched Sparrow" is an homage to the folk musicians and singer-songwriters of Canada.

About "Rain Drenched Sparrow"

Donmark wrote and recorded "Rain Drenched Sparrow" in tribute to the artists he saw perform at the Winnipeg Folk Festival in the early 1980s and all of the greats he heard on the radio over the decades. The list is long, and includes Bruce Cockburn, Leonard Cohen, Ferron, k.d. lang, Gordon Lightfoot, Joni Mitchell, Robbie Robertson/The Band, Garnet Rogers, Stan Rogers, Allison Russell, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Ron Sexsmith, Ian Tyson, Neil Young, and many others.

About the Recording

Berry was honored to enlist the talents of drummer Harry C. Wilkinson Jr. of Nashville, TN. Harry is known for his work with Larry Coryell, Terri Gibbs, and especially Michael Martin Murphey on the classic album *Blue Sky - Night Thunder* and the smash hit single "Wildfire." Harry also played drums on Donmark's single "Praying Tonight" and re-mixes released by The Other Hit in 2022: "I Don't Live in Colorado (Anymore)" and "Up on the Street (Swede Hollow)."

About Berry

Berry Donmark's performing career kicked off in the mid-1980s in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He started off performing original folk songs that ranged from historical storytelling to topical tunes. He appeared at various locations around the campus town, including an impromptu and infamous appearance at the legendary Mr. Flood's Party.

Following several years performing in Minneapolis cover bands in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Berry released two albums of original material - 1995's *Secrets & Lies* and 2002's *Midway Angels*. Both pre-dated the prominence of digital distribution and have been lost to time (with the exception of a few scattered cassettes and burned CDs). In 2022, and credited under his writing name, Berry appeared on The Other Hit's release *DIEGO*, featuring 10 of his original tunes. In 2023 he began releasing solo material as Berry Donmark, including the single "Praying Tonight."



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