

Where Fantasy Flies Review

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CHRIS ROGAN Where Fantasy Flies

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Chris Rogan was born of Irish parentage, so it's no surprise that the celtic penchant for telling stories is a thread that he uses most effectively in his contemporary style of writing and delivery.

The title track, "Where Fantasy Flies", was written for a competition, all the rules of entry were adhered to, etc. a brand new song, the subject being emigration, but as the competition played out, the rules were dropped and Chris lost out, but this is a song with powerful lyrics now sung by many others much to Chris' delight.

Letters from his father-in-law during World War II, telling how he missed the Cumberland Hills whilst in the heat of the Far East. "The Cumberland Lad", is introduced with a few bars of the hunting song, "Do Ya Ken John Peel", a song of deep love and longing of the things left behind.

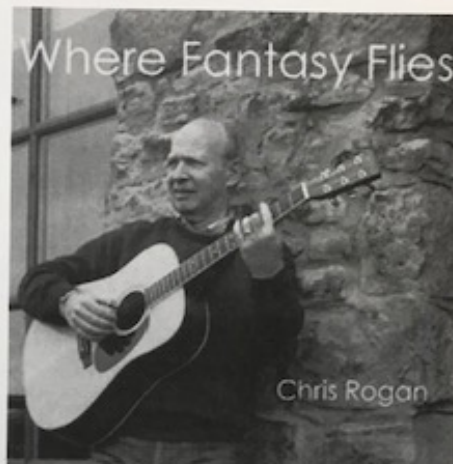
Chris' own father is the subject of, "No Ordinary Man (Pat Rogan)", it tells of how he missed his wife so much following her passing. A gentle man in the truest sense.

We are celebrating the futility of World

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...the 4000 miles away from home in the "Windy City".

Time for another love song, this time about the struggle to make the first move, "Right Now".



"The Ballad of Ellen Strange", is the oldest recorded story of domestic violence way back in 1761. It happened on Holcombe Moor in Lancashire.

Justice was sadly lacking as her husband walked free from the assizes in Lancaster Castle.

Sadly, little has changed in the intervening 250 years, with women still not having their plight taken seriously enough.

As the bells ring out, Christmas is around the corner for a child, it is a magical time with the anticipation of what is to come. Despite the time of year for the youngest amongst us, "It's Near".

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Chris has a voice that compels you to listen and is a perceptive wordsmith and more than able guitarist, indeed he has all the attributes needed to propel himself upwards.

Turn down the lights, listen to the words and enjoy a CD that gets right to the heart of the matter.

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