



Steve Earle *Townes* New West Records

Dave Kidman reviewed the single disc version of this Townes Van Zandt tribute release. Here are a few comments relative to the limited edition 2 disc set.

This project began life as a collection of twelve voice and acoustic guitar demos. With no further enhancement, the original (demo) version of *Colorado Girl* appears on Disc 1. Fifteen songs long, on Disc 1 there are also renditions of *White Freightliner Blues* [sans one verse], *Delta Mamma Blues* and *Don't Take It Too Bad*. Disc 2 aka *The Basics* features the eleven demos, while relative to the single disc version the liner booklet has been enhanced to sixteen pages complete with the song lyrics.

Considering some of the sonic window dressing that adorns the Disc 1 versions, I'd have to say that I prefer to hear Townes poetic songs delivered bare to the bone. The way he wrote them.

Score 7 out of 10

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