

Townes Van Zandt – The “Texas Rain” Project

The following list is set out to substantiate the contention regarding repeated recording of the same songs, as set out in my album review of “Texas Rain,”

Source Of Songs on “Texas Rain” – Studio recordings only, except “Live At The Old Quarter”

- If I Needed You : “The Late Great Townes Van Zandt” [1972] ; “Live At The Old Quarter” [1973/1977]
- Pancho & Lefty : “The Late Great Townes Van Zandt” [1972] ; “Live At The Old Quarter” [1973/1977] ; “A Far Cry From Dead” [1989-96/1999]
- Waiting Around To Die : “For The Sake Of The Song” [1968] ; “Townes Van Zandt” [1970] ; “Live At The Old Quarter” [1973/1977]
- Blue Wind Blew : “At My Window” [1987]
- Kathleen : “Our Mother The Mountain” [1969] ; “Live At The Old Quarter” [1973/1977]
- No Lonesome Tune : “The Late Great Townes Van Zandt” [1972]
- Brother Flower : “Flyin’ Shoes” [1978]
- Two Girls : “Live At The Old Quarter” [1973/1977] ; “The Nashville Sessions” [1973/1993]
- Marie : “No Deeper Blue” [1994]
- Quicksilver Dreams Of Maria : “For The Sake Of The Song” [1968] ; “Townes Van Zandt” [1987]
- Snowin’ In Raton : “At My Window” [1987]
- At My Window : “The Nashville Sessions” [1973/1993] ; “At My Window” [1987]

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As long ago as the dawn of the nineties, stories abounded that a box set retrospective of Townes' compositions was in the pipeline. Initially it was said that two CD's would be involved. Over the years the project evolved into a vastly larger undertaking. Townes often joked during his last years that it would “appear after I'm gone.” I guess he knew the truth. According to Kevin Eggers at New York's Tomato Record Company, “During the last several years Townes Van Zandt and I have been working on a major project. A four CD set containing sixty new digital recordings with 47 duets with many of our friends. Prior to Townes' death Townes had completed his vocals and guitar work on these important recordings. It is Townes at the apex of his creative career. It seems ironic that Townes and I would come full circle having first begun our friendship with his first recording for my company Poppy and his last major work for Tomato.” The foregoing quote is now some four years old, and like everything else in the record industry, nothing remains the same [sic. “four CD set”]. At one stage the project bore the working title “Newology,” while the songs featured and artists invited to record with Townes were intimated at one stage to be :

Song Titles:

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| 1. If I Needed You [TLG] | 18. Loretta [LAOQ] | 32. Automobile Blues [RS] |
| 2. Buckskin Stallion [AMW] | 19. Still Looking For You [AMW] | 33. Snake Mountain Blues [OMTM] |
| 3. Many A Fine Lady [FTS] | 20. Don't Take It Too Bad [TVZ] | 34. Shrimp Song [ROCD] |
| 4. Tower Song [DMB] | 21. Only Him Or Me [DMB] | 35. Who Do You Love? [LAOQ] |
| 5. For the Sake of the Song [FTS] | 22. You Are Not Needed Now [HLIB] | 36. Lungs [TVZ] |
| 6. Snow Don't Fall [TLG] | 23. Kathleen [OMTM] | 37. Where I Lead Me [DMB] |
| 7. No Deal [HLIB] | 24. Our Mother The Mountain [OMTM] | 38. Blue Wind Blew [AMW] |
| 8. Delta Momma Blues [DMB] | 25. Rex's Blues [LAOQ] | 39. None But The Rain [TVZ] |
| 9. To Live Is To Fly [HLIB] | 26. Brother Flower [FS] | 40. St. John the Gambler [OMTM] |
| 10. Be Here To Love Me [OMTM] | 27. Tecumseh Valley [FTS] | 41. Columbine [TVZ] |
| 11. Rake [DMB] | 28. At My Window [AMW] | 42. Like A Summer Thursday [OMTM] |
| 12. Little Sundance #2 [AMW] | 29. I Ain't Leaving Your Love [AMW] | 43. Colorado Girl [TVZ] |
| 13. Flyin' Shoes [FS] | 30. Waitin' Around To Die [FTS] | 44. When She Don't Need Me [FS] |
| 14. Dollar Bill Blues [FS] | 31. Brand New Companion [DMB] | 45. Come Tomorrow [DMB] |
| 15. Quicksilver Daydreams of Maria [FTS] | | |
| 16. Pancho & Lefty [TLG] | | |
| 17. Two Girls [LAOQ] | | |

46. I'll Be Here In The Morning [FTS]
47. Turnstiled Junkpiled [DMB]
48. White Freightliner Blues [LAOQ]
49. Pueblo Waltz [FS]
50. **Snowin' On Raton** [AMW]

51. Greenboro Woman [HLIB]
52. High, Low & In Between [HLIB]
53. Fare Thee Well, Miss Carousel [TVZ]
54. Second Lovers' Song [OMTM]
55. My Proud Mountains [OMTM]

56. Mr. Mudd & Mr. Gold [HLIB]
57. Nothin' [DMB]
58. **Marie** [NDB]
59. **No Lonesome Tune** [TLG]
60. No Place To Fall [LAOQ]

The Artists:

1. Eric Anderson
2. Hoyt Axton
3. Garth Brooks
4. Johnny Cash
5. Rosanne Cash
6. Guy Clark
7. Tandy
8. Rodney Crowell
9. Richard Dobson
10. Bob Dylan
11. Joe Ely
12. **Freddy Fender**
13. Jimmy Gilmore
14. Nanci Griffith
15. Merle Haggard
16. Van Morrison

17. Butch Hancock
18. **Emmylou Harris**
19. George Jones
20. Kris Kristofferson
21. Lyle Lovett
22. **Kathy Mattea**
23. **Augie Meyer**
24. **James McMurtry**
25. Pat Mier
26. **Willie Nelson**
27. Mickey Newberry
28. John Prine
29. Bono
30. Beck
31. Bonnie Raitt
32. **Kimmie Rhodes**

33. **Calvin Russell**
34. **Doug Sahm**
35. Sexton Brothers
36. Timbuk 3
37. Cowboy Junkies
38. Tanya Tucker
39. Sonic Youth
40. **Jerry Jeff Walker**
41. Rusty Weir
42. Don Williams
43. Hank Williams, Jr.
44. Johnny Winter
45. Tammy Wynette
46. Neil Young
47. Steve Earle

NOTE.

1. The **Song Title** or **Artist** in bold **red** print in two the lists above, relate to a song or artist appearing on Volume 1 of this project – **“Texas Rain.”**
2. [xxx] refers to title of the album which originally featured the song. Where the album title - [xxx], is in bold black print this relates to a project song not composed by Townes.
3. Chronologically, the albums listed in **Song Titles** above are : [FTS] **“For The Sake of the Song”** Poppy/Tomato [1968] ; [OMTM] **“Our Mother The Mountain”** Poppy/Tomato [1969] ; [TVZ] **“Townes Van Zandt”** Poppy/Tomato [1970] ; [DMB] **“Delta Momma Blues”** Poppy/Tomato [1971] ; [HLIB] **“High Low And In Between”** [1972] ; [TLG] **“The Late Great Townes Van Zandt”** Poppy/Tomato [1973] ; [LAOQ] **“Live At The Old Quarter”** Tomato [1977] ; [FS] **“Flyin’ Shoes”** Tomato [1978] ; [AMW] **“At My Window”** Sugar Hill [1987] ; [ROCD] **“Rain On A Conga Drum”** Silenz [1991] ; [RS] **“Road Songs”** BMG/Ariola [1993] ; [NDB] **“No Deeper Blue”** Intercord [1994] :

The foregoing Townes Van Zandt Discography is not intended to be complete. **“Rain On A Conga Drum”** was a European release.

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