



Severin Browne "**This Twisted Road**" Subdude Records

Back in the early [nineteen] seventies, Severin was a staff songwriter for Motown Records who went on to cut a couple of albums for the, then, Detroit based label. His "**From The Edge Of The World**" appeared on the Moo Record label some five years ago. The ten songs featured on this disc are all self-penned. Well almost, as the lyrics of the hard rocking "Angelyne" were co-written by the Editor of **Performing Songwriter** magazine, Paul Zollo. In a gentler vein, the melodic and lyrically reflective CD title track, is a song about loss – with the much-repeated chorus line, *"To think there is no purpose here is such a heavy load, along this twisted road."* The song, it seems, was inspired by the April 1995, Oklahoma City bombing. "Don't Mistake The Singer For The Song," the opening cut, relates how youthful innocence and eagerness to make personal discoveries about life and the world we live in, can lead to hard lessons learned. Just imagine your parents standing at their front door, calling after you *"OK, leave home while you think you still know it all"* – well, now you've got the picture. You eventually draw the conclusion that, on this collection, Browne is constantly questioning the reason[s] for the presence of our species on this earthly plane. "Do You Think I'll Go To Heaven" and "Water" being classic examples. That's not to say that all is doom and gloom on "**This Twisted Road**," since there's a humorous undercurrent present in "Strange Life" and "My Midlife Crisis." Some of the stellar support players on this disc include Skip Edwards - piano [Dwight Yoakam], JayDee Maness – steel guitar [ex Byrds/Desert Rose Band] and Freebo [ex-Bonnie Raitt]. Neat.

P.S. And yes, Severin has a slightly older, world famous, sibling who goes by the Christian name of Jackson.

Folkwax rating – 6 out of 10

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