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Americana Chart

- 1 (-) **The Low Anthem** - *Smart Flesh* (Bella Union)
- 2 (1) **Great Lakes** - *Ways Of Escape* (Orange Twin)
- 3 (-) **Drive By Truckers** - *Go-Go Boots* (ATO)
- 4 (-) **Cowboy Junkies** - *The Nomad Series - Demons: Volume 2* (Latent)
- 5 (2) **Moonshine Hooligans** - *Subterranean Secrets* (Independent)
- 6 (-) **The High Dials** - *Anthems for Doomed Youth* (Rainbow Quartz)
- 7 (3) **Quiet Loner** - *Spectrology* (Little Red Rabbit)
- 8 (-) **Arbournetum** - *The Gathering* (Thrill Jockey)
- 9 (4) **Daniel Ahearn** - *Long Way Home* (Independent)
- 10 (5) **Giant Sand** - *Blurry Blue Mountain* (Fire)

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Luka Bloom

The May 2010 issue of Maverick featured a review of Luka Bloom's new album *DREAMS IN AMERICA*. For much of February 2011, Luka was in the Netherlands on a concert hall tour titled 2 Meter Sessies with...Luka Bloom. 2 Meter Sessies is a music programme that began on Dutch radio during 1985 and subsequently moved to television. From the outset Jan Douwe Kroeske, the show's founder/presenter, adopted the unique approach of not only interviewing solo artists and bands, but, concurrently, allowed them to do perform live, stripped-down versions of their songs. A number of 2 Meter Sessies compilation albums have been released by VARA Records, the commercial arm of this Dutch public broadcasting company. One of the latest is a 2-CD collection that combines a copy of *DREAMS IN AMERICA*, with an eight song disc of 2 Meter Sessies live performances by Luka Bloom.



Hemifran – More Music from Home

The second edition of Hemifran's free, download only compilation, the latest is titled *I LIKE IT BETTER HERE—MORE MUSIC FROM HOME*, has now been posted on their web site. More details are available at http://www.hemifran.com/more_music_f_h.html



The Hemifran web site currently states ... When Jack Tempchin, legendary songwriter for the Eagles (Already Gone, Peaceful Easy Feeling), Johnny Rivers (Slow Dancing) and Glenn Frey (Smugglers Blues, You Belong To The City), first heard Swedish act Citizen K, he was so impressed by the vocal, instrumental and arranging skills, that he offered a new unreleased song, right there on the spot. You Only Live Once is the opening track to *I Like It Better Here—More Music From Home* (the 2nd album to celebrate the joy and magic of home), where Citizen K and two of his musical buddies are calling themselves the Smashing Tempchins, as a humble homage to one of their favourite songwriters. Where the first volume had more of a 'west coast focus', this second volume has more of a 'Americana/country/roots-feeling'. Several American artists in the frontline of the 'No Depression-fold' have relinquished new and exclusive tracks for this album – Albert & Gage, Clarence Bucaro, Anthony Crawford, Fur Dixon & Steve Werner, Fayssoux, Ted Russell Kamp, Annie Keating, Jeff Larson, Steve Mednick and Kimmie Rhodes.
Canadian artist Luke Jackson contributes an unreleased track from his latest album, produced by Christoffer Lundqvist (Brainpool, Roxette, Per Gessle), with an exquisite string arrangement by the late, great Robert Kirby (Nick Drake, Elton John, Richard Thompson, Elvis Costello)..But just as on the first volume, several European acts also contribute exclusive tracks; Dean Owens and Hey Negrita from the UK, Shiner Twins from Holland, and singer-songwriter Henrik af Ugglas (whose forthcoming album legendary writer Lennart Persson called 'the most awaited debut in a very, very long time...'), up-and-coming alt-country-group Little Green from the Swedish westcoast, and alt-blues-artist Slowman ('he easily switches between styles, yet at the same time is a master at whatever he does'), all from Sweden.