

Bruce T. Carroll - *Ruckus and Romance*



After years spent "lost in the wilderness" of music and commerce (i.e. building and running a music venue in Larchmont, NY), Bruce T. Carroll has returned to his roots and his first and abiding love: lyric songwriting. With the release of his first album ***Ruckus and Romance***, Bruce has forged a new career as a singer-songwriter using irony and imagery as tools in trade....

*"This album was a long time in the making and involved the efforts of many great friends and musicians...from the extraordinary musicianship of Clifford Carter, Marc Shulman, Joe Bonadio, David Spinozza, Lincoln Schliefer, and Sara Milonovich, to the aid and counsel of co-producer Al Hemberger and long time friends Marc Shulman & Clifford Carter. **Thanks for listening!**"* - Bruce T. Carroll

- ▶ 1. **When Two Worlds Collide** (5:05) - This first track was written just a few months ago in response to the horrific and daily accounts of the sorrows and travails of some 65 million refugees worldwide, mostly women and children. It strikes me as most cruel, insane really, for us as a country to turn our backs on these refugees. We have a political responsibility and a moral obligation as humans to help them.
2. **These Things Are Mine** (3:45) - A depiction of where I have been at different times in my life.
- ▶ 3. **A Dream Is A Dream** (4:15) - Intended to capture the ethereal quality of Dreamtime..the past, the present, the future, all tumbling together and bound up in this moment...
- ▶ 4. **The House On The Hill** (4:39) - This describes the very real feelings (my own) of losing a house (my own) to bad economic times (the crash of '08).
5. **Shakedown** (4:32) - A classic "breakup" song - one of the first songs I ever wrote.
6. **(Christmas) Without You** (4:19) - Captures the feeling of being separated from loved-ones at Christmas/Holiday time, which I feel is something we can all relate to.
7. **Hurt You Instead** (4:22) - Co-written years ago with Robert Kraft during a somewhat dark period in my life.
8. **Angel Angel** (5:49) - A reflection on mortality, the passing of my father and the aging of my mother...

All songs written by Bruce T. Carroll except Hurt You Instead, written by Bruce T. Carroll & Robert Kraft.

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John Platt, the dean of Americana, folk, and roots music at WFUV radio, and the host of the long-running "Sunday Supper" show on which Bruce has been featured, has called ***Ruckus and Romance*** a ***"very accomplished album, attuned to the zeitgeist of the moment"***.

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