

Tuck Wilson

Original Songs



32 Pounds of Love

Meet my friend Lynne's Pug, Bubba.

A Capacity for Cruelty

An introspective song that was one in a series.

A Life in the Week of Tuck Wilson

Slightly country, mostly fun.

A Train Back Home

Inspired by my friend Tom, a part-time hobo.

America

Sometimes the American Dream ended in tragedy.

An American Kid

For Vietnam draft dodgers and the vets.

Ashley's Song

Written as an instrumentals lullaby for my daughter.

Black Jack McKay

A new twist on the Old West shootout theme.

Boogie Woogie

How about it?

Can't Seem to Make It

No story here, just a fun song.

Don't Tell Me

A poem written by my sister, Lee.
I liked it and set it to music

Earl's Reflection -banjo instrumental

Empty Streets

I left the "Other End" on 4th street still keyed up from the show. I needed to unwind, so I decided to walk a few blocks north before catching the subway. The deserted streets of NYC were so haunting, I walked all the way home to 72nd St. and wrote this song along the way.

Ernie

Being BMOC feels so good until it all goes wrong.

Feeling Good Tonight

Yeah, we are!

Heading Into Trouble

I liked this title, but I was really stuck on how to write a country song. Then I asked myself, "What would Toby Keith do?"

I Didn't Have to Love You

Written for my wife, Bev, after the birth of our first child, Ashley.

I Don't Believe You

Although I tried my hand at writing songs as early as 8th grade, this one, written when I was in 11th grade, is the first one I kept.

I Won't Play "Free Bird"

There's always one guy who whips out his lighter and hollers, "Free Bird". On one occasion, a quick response popped into my head. As I sang the first lines, I thought of the next few lines. This song literally wrote itself as I sang it to him.

I'd Rather Be Sailing

Wouldn't you? A fun song written for my daughter just before her first finals in 9th grade.

It's Easy

Some people go to great lengths to make themselves miserable. My advice: leave the melodrama to TV.

It's My Life

I didn't want to go to law school. Nor did I want a "real" job.

Living on Tahoe Time

I can't imagine where the inspiration for this one might have come from.

Love Me Tonight

The world can wait.

New York City 5:05

Is it hard to believe that NYC can wear on you?

Parasite

Eli traveled a circuit of college campuses, staying 2-3 days at each. Students would house, feed, & clothe him while he facilitated "rap sessions" - mostly philosophical discussions. His lifestyle was so foreign to anything I'd ever imagined possible, I had to write this song for him.

Pretty Birds in Cement Cages

I first played this song debuted at Gerde's Folk City in New York. This song is for those who are too intimidated to allow themselves to shine.

Recipe for Disaster

You take a bottle of whisky...

Rocky Mountain Ranch

The magic of great resorts is the guests' ability to totally disconnect from the "real" world and to build memories that allow them to take a piece of that peace with them when they return home.

She Doesn't Like My Music

Fortunately, this song doesn't stem from personal experience, just a whim.

She Told Me

A classic break-up rocker.

Street Singer

One summer when I played a lot in Greenwich Village, there was a street musician who "owned" a corner on 4th street near the subway entrance. Every time I came out of the subway, he was there playing for tips. When I came back in January, he was still out on "his" corner, despite the bitter cold and spitting snow. I figured he'd earned this song.

Stuck Here in Tahoe Again

Whenever it snows, I'm surrounded by guys calling home to complain that they are "Stuck here in Tahoe again". With the right attitude, you can get stuck in Tahoe any day of the year. Grab your cell phone, dial home, and repeat after me...

The Ballad of Dickie & Gerry

Arlo Guthrie told an audience (paraphrased): "I really want to write a song about Watergate, but I just can't. Every time I sit down at the piano I get so angry that I just can't write." This might be the song he was trying for.

The Calm before the Storm

Some college students "coast" through. For me, it was an art form. But it was also emotionally taxing to get away with it.

The Flip Side

For those of you who were born after 1965, a 45 rpm record, or "single", held one song on each side. The song expected to get radio play was the "A" side, and other song was the "flip side" (unless you were the Beatles, in which case both sides would probably become hits).

The Good Life

2.4 kids and a white picket fence? No, thanks.

The Spice Rack

When I read about this bust, I knew there was a song waiting to be written.

There's a Look in Your Eyes

Sometimes songs come from unexpected sources. I noticed that my riding mower had a distinct rhythm, so I started thinking up lyrics to fit that rhythm, then found the melody.

Three Part Harmony

Fun with word play. My friends found this one very amusing; it's what happens when you fall in love with a girl who already has a boyfriend.

Thinking of You

I was.

Wanting

Another "Baby, please don't go" song.

You Make It

My engagement song

Parodies:

Ghost Condos in the Sky - Tom Paxton wrote his parody "Yuppies in the Sky" about the real estate frenzy in NY. I adapted it to Ketchum & Sun Valley, ID, which tore down hotels that brought paying tourists to town and replaced them with vacation condos that sit empty.

Ginny's Waterbed - My college friend Tom Hodukovich used to like to rewrite the lyrics to John Denver songs. This is my humble effort.

I Heard it from My Friends on FOX

A re-write to update Tom Paxton's "I Read It in the Daily News"

I'm Pretty Good at Drinkin' Beer

Billy Currington's country hit re-written in the context of Squaw Valley's GNARLY ski culture.

It's Hell to Be a Country Boy

Tom Hodukovich, as a bona fide farm boy, felt the need to clear up any misconceptions caused by John Denver.

Mommas, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Ski Bums - Sorry, Willie.

Sweet Home California

First, make sure no one in the audience is from Alabama...

Toes in the Water

Zac Brown Tahoe style.

Werewolves of Londonderry (VT)

What Did You Learn on FOX Today?

A re-write of Tom Paxton's "What Did You Learn in School Today?"