

**THE DREAM** is an original song about the Earth at peace.

It started out as a simple folk song, but it was too tiny for such a grand concept. The more I thought about it, the universal need for Peace in this world had to sound as grand as the universe itself.

In an age of terrorism, war, ISIS, harsh political climates and life raging in the isolation of cyber speed **THE DREAM** is a massive recording about the Earth at peace.

The production is complex ... and as simple ... as the concept itself.

This is not a passive listen, you might take a few minutes with the volume high. There is a lot going on musically.

Recording **The Dream** is one of the most difficult, gut wrenching projects I ever got involved with. I hope you come along for the entire ride.

Thanks,  
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*“My first wish is to see war, this plague of mankind, banished from the earth.”*

George Washington

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A song about the Earth at Peace

A folksinger, four children's choirs in **English, Spanish, French and Russian** plus a 61 piece symphony orchestra

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*“Peace cannot be kept by force;  
it can only be achieved by understanding.”*

Albert Einstein

**The Dream** A musical “prayer” for the Earth to be at peace, I think we are all tired of the fighting

**Front Porch** The front porch was once the grand pulpit of families and hometowns. “We need a front porch ‘round the World ...”

**America** A lyrical essay about the culture of the most powerful nation in history

**Apology Song** A guaranteed solution to most conflicts, whether between nations or married couples ... just say you’re sorry, for Pete’s sake.

**Techno-Folk** Based on the old Irish banjo song “Paddy Works the Railroad” this is a song about social changes in our culture. Folk at Arena level.

**Mandarin Mandolins** People can’t fight when they’re pickin’ ... this is me and the great Ronnie McCoury sitting across from each other on mandolins

**Cyber Bubba** The global tsunami of the internet has created a generation of lonely people convinced they have unseen friends on flat screens and cell phones.

**Blue Highways** A poetic dream about flying high over our lives and looking down upon ourselves.

**Flowers** Ralph Waldo Emerson said: “The Earth laughs in flowers ...” A great quote that inspired this song.

**Darlin’ Corey** Most old songs are about, well ... fighting. This is a Beatle-esque interpretation of a bluegrass standard

**World We Made** “You reap what you sow ...”

**Garden of Eden** In the end, love is the greatest weapon of all and for some reason we are, as a people, afraid to use it.

**Mousie HiWay** Recorded live; there is nothing more community than pickin’ and grinnin’ with friends, even if the “porch” is a stage in front of 1,000 people.

Michael Johnathon: Martin guitars and Vega banjo. Musicians on this album include Rob Ickes, Sam Bush, Ronnie McCoury, Brent Mason, John McEuen, Dave Pomeroy, Bob Bryant, Tony Migliore, Mark Casstevens, Lou Toomey, Paul Leim, JP Pennington, Terry McMillan, Hippy Chick Quartet, Daniel Carwile, Maggie Lander, Ben Sollee, Homer Ledford, Raymond McLain and Rick Marks. Concert master for “The Dream” and “Techno-Folk” Carl Gorodetzky. Engineers include Joe Bogan, Kevin Johnson, Rick Marks and Bryan Klausing. Thank you all for helping this “Dream” come alive.

## The DREAM

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Give me a day, when the sun is shining  
Give me a day, when the rain don’t fall  
Give me a day, when the city is singing  
And then I’ll cry, a long, hard cry

Give me a night, (*Noche en paz* “Peaceful night”-SPANISH) alone in the darkness  
Give me a night, at my true love’s side  
Give me a night, when my children are dreamin’  
And then I’ll cry, a long, hard cry

Give me a dream, (*Miechta* “Dream”-RUSSIAN) that I wanna keep dreamin’  
Give me a dream, I can fly through the sky  
Give me a dream, all the people are dreamin’  
And then I’ll cry, a long, hard cry

Give me a war, where the people keep living  
Give me a war, where the innocent survive  
Give me a war, where the leaders are learning  
And then I’ll cry, a long, hard cry

Give me a tear, (*La larme du monde* “Teardrop from the eyes of the world”-FRENCH) from the joys of laughter  
Give me a tear, of a happy day  
Give me a tear, (*La Paix* “Peace”-FRENCH) of the peace that we’re after  
And then I’ll cry, a long hard cry

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