



d.p. knudten



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singer/songwriter

the ~~partially correct~~ stares between the buttons  
slightly wrinkling the shirt  
beads curls at corners  
the dirt

# Sample Press Release

For Immediate Release

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It's not easy to put a label on D.P. Knudten (pronounced *canoe-ten*). Described as "an outstanding contemporary singer/songwriter in the truest sense of the word," D.P. crafts and performs songs written from his own slightly skewed point-of-view.

Citing such influences as James Taylor, John Gorka, and Lyle Lovett "but without the Texas thing," D.P.'s songwriting showcases characters and situations many can relate to. Whether presenting the fever dreams of a mentally disturbed man in "18 Below Lower Wacker," the defiance of a small-town girl in "Me You'll Never Know," or his own hopeful yet pragmatic philosophy of life, D.P. delivers 'songs as stories' passionately with a voice that demands attention. But he's no strident minister. His sets are filled with wry wit and downright hilarious stories about what he knows best: his life and the often frustrating, frequently exhilarating, and ultimately wonderful world we share.

Featuring a unique fingerstyle approach to the acoustic six-string guitar with frequent digressions into the world of bottleneck slide blues and rootsy ballads, D.P.'s music is sometimes gentle, sometimes gritty, and occasionally a little bit trippy. "What else would you expect from a kid raised on equal parts of Bill Monroe, Gustav Holst, Blind Willie Johnson, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Leo Kottke and Stan Getz. Eclectic? Yeah, that sounds about right." Just one listen to his CD, *tattered family quilt*, reveals a unique writer/performer capable of leading an audience through a multicolored landscape filled with equal parts joyous celebration and sober reflection.

With a degree in theatre and a résumé boasting jobs as diverse as dishwasher, swordfighter, improvisational comedian and advertising copywriter, D.P. has a fascinating view of life's challenges and delights. And it's a view he shares in every performance.

Don't miss this highly entertaining and provocative performer. D.P. Knudten will be performing at <VENUE> on <DATE>. For more information, call <VENUE PHONE NUMBER>. D.P.'s debut CD, *tattered family quilt*, is available via Spotify, Apple Music, SoundCloud or on CD at CDBaby.com.

# Current Repertoire

## Originals:

18 Below Lower Wacker  
Before He Dies  
Charmed Life  
Cinderella on Cinder Blocks  
**Color of Love**  
Confidence Man  
**Cornflower Blue**  
Dance Around Lizzy  
Denouement  
**Father Daughter Dance**  
Feeling Mean  
Forgive/Forget  
Girl Next Door  
Hammock  
Heavenly Father  
I Don't Know  
Little Girl, Little Girl  
Married with Children  
**May 20**  
Me You'll Never Know  
M'Lady of Skye  
Nikki with an I  
Nineteen on the Wall  
**Out of the Blue**  
**Right Wrong Thing**  
Say Hello  
Second to None  
Simply Surprising  
Smile on the Phone  
Streetwise  
Subtraction  
Subway  
**Temperance & Grace**  
**Ten Feet Away**  
The Ghillie Boy  
The Token  
Time Long Gone  
**Walking You Home**  
Werther & Lolita  
What I Should Have Said  
When  
With You  
White Boy Blue  
Your Name

## Originals/Bottleneck Slide-style:

11 Month / 29 Day  
Bullfrog & Shoofly  
Delta Blue  
Devil at the Threshold  
Down to Dellrose  
Jesus Seems Nobody Knows  
**Liza Jo**  
Mama's Hot Mustard  
Outbound Freight  
Right Wrong Thing  
So Good Tell Me Mama  
Tears  
Think About You  
Troublesome Creek  
White Boy Blue

## Songs by Other Artists:

Ain't No Sunshine	Bill Withers
Dark Eyed Molly	Archie Fisher
Down the Road	Mary McCaslin
Factory Girl	traditional
For What It's Worth	Buffalo Springfield
Good Thing	Patty Larkin
Haul Awa'	traditional
Jolene	Dolly Parton
Maid on the Shore	traditional
Milltown	John Gorka
Millworker	James Taylor
Shower the People	James Taylor
The Giant	Stan Rogers
The Jeannie C.	Stan Rogers
The Water is Wide	traditional
Turnaround	Stan Rogers

All songs in **bold** appear on my album *tattered family quilt*, now streamable at Apple Music, Spotify, SoundCloud, BandCamp and more.



# Biography/Résumé

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It's been said that a man is the sum of his experiences.

Here are some of mine:

Born in Ohio. Raised in Wisconsin. Lived just about everywhere.

A degree in theatre from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Renaissance Faire swordfighter, Shakespearean actor and street singer.

8 years as an improvisational comedian in Milwaukee, Chicago and Denver.

On-camera and voiceover spokesperson for numerous businesses in Chicago.

Advertising copywriter at agencies like DDB Needham and McCann Erickson.

Creative Director for my own advertising creative consulting firm.

But those were just day jobs.

All that time, my night joy involved writing and performing songs at places like:

Eddie's Attic, Decatur, Georgia

Borders Books, Duluth, Georgia

The Hungry Ear Coffeehouse, Atlanta, Georgia

The Coffeehouse, Dahlonega, Georgia

La Dolce Vita, Arvada, Colorado

The Chesire Cat, Arvada, Colorado

Common Grounds Coffeehouse, Denver, Colorado

Swallow Hill Music Association, Denver, Colorado

Stella's Coffee House, Denver, Colorado

The Little Bear, Evergreen, Colorado

ArtsAlive 285 Festival, Conifer, Colorado

Evergreen Lakehouse Concert Series, Evergreen, Colorado

Hot Rockin' Coffee, Denver, Colorado

Bean 'n Cream, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

Java Notes, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

Prairie Cafe, Middleton, Wisconsin

Bos Meadery, Madison, Wisconsin

Cargo Coffee East, Madison, Wisconsin

CamRock Café, Cambridge, Wisconsin

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*—Clarence Rosa, The Hungry Ear Coffeehouse, Atlanta, Georgia*



# About *tattered family quilt*



## **tattered family quilt** (2002)

All words and music by d.p. **knudten**  
(total running time: 54:08)



d.p. makes his **words&music records** debut with an extremely intimate look at life. As he explains in the CD's liner notes:

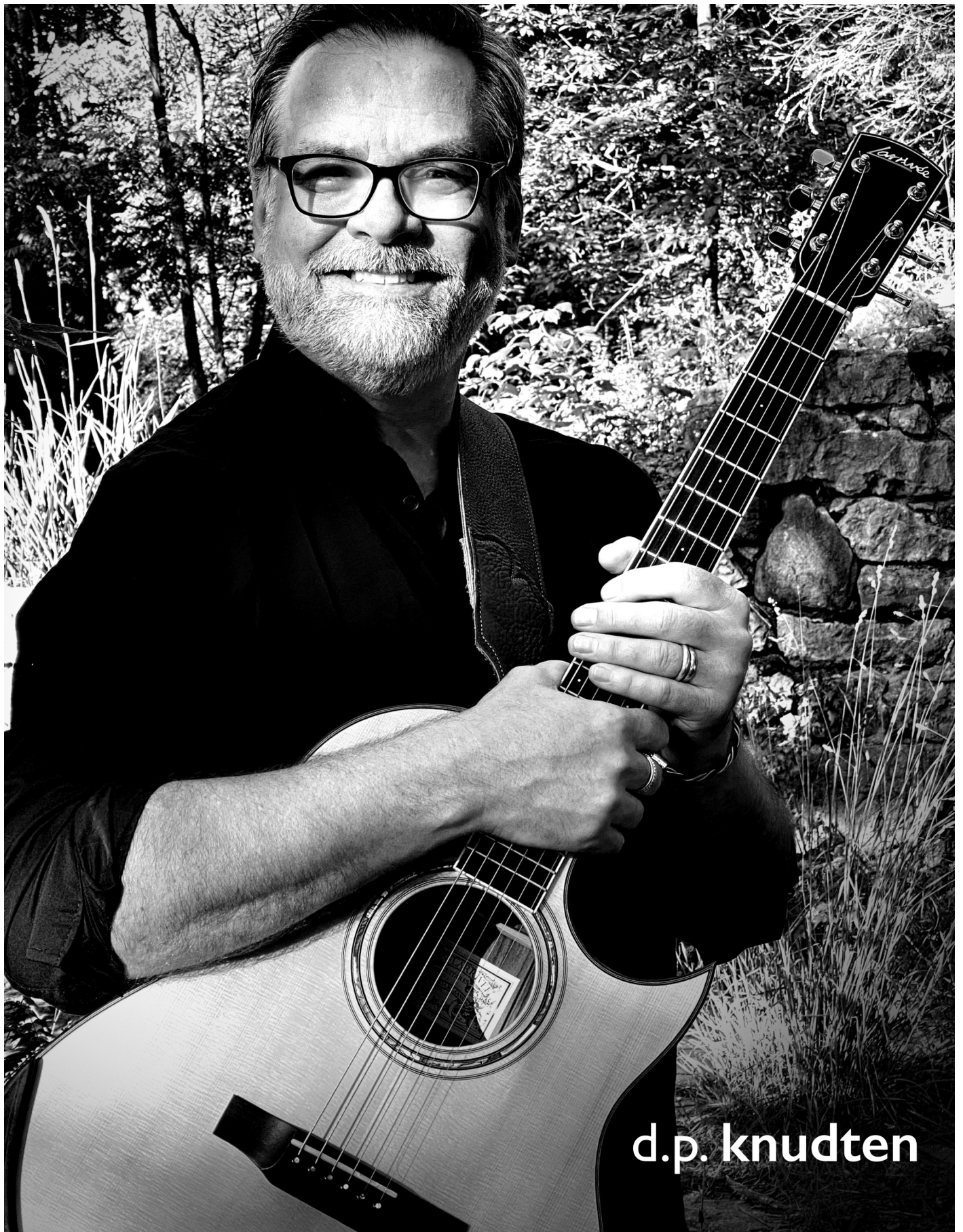
*"What started out as an attempt to finally document some of the songs I've written over the past 20 years turned into something entirely more personal. After recording a number of tracks with no grand album concept in mind, a pattern began to emerge: a patchwork of songs about family, places we lived (and events we lived through), and some of the people we met on the way."*

Recorded throughout 2001 at Raven Recording in Englewood, Colorado, *tattered family quilt* is a heartfelt, quirky document of what it's like to be a dreamer, father and part-time poet in the early years of the 21st Century.

### Track List

1. Walking You Home (4:17)  
*A remembrance of things past.*
2. May 20 (4:39)  
*Some first dates last.*
3. 18 Below Lower Wacker (5:05)  
*It can be very cold in Chicago. Especially in winter.*
4. Liza Jo (2:32)  
*This never happened. I swear.*
5. Right Wrong Thing (4:36)  
*Making decisions is easy. It's living with them that's hard.*
6. Temperance & Grace (5:17)  
*Fictional characters. Story too true.*
7. Cornflower Blue (3:06)  
*They really are.*
8. Father Daughter Dance (4:45)  
*I never really knew how deep love could go.*
9. Out of the Blue (5:22)  
*Seems like life always happens when you least expect it.*
10. Color of Love (3:52)  
*Her smile really could melt an iceberg.*
11. Ten Feet Away (4:24)  
*It's amazing what a little distance can do.*

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