

Spencer Kingman

“SPENKING”

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release date:



8 Tracks:

Accounts, Bethlehem-Hell Express, Vietnam Malaria Nostalgia, R.A.T.L., Bowser Bowser, Bowser, Al Jazeera, Mortified, Two More Miles

Record Description / History / Artist Bio:

SPENKING consists of eight little tangled-up folk songs full of word-play, sweetness, far-away danger, and nonsense. I never intended to record them or play them for anyone but my friends. However, these friends (mostly musicians) were persistent about recording me and offering me shows. I was playing and touring with the band Low Skies (now on Flameshovel Records), being sampled and remixed by Flaspas in Las Vegas, and backing up Brendon Massei on the piano whenever he was in town. After a recording session with Massei at Acme Studios in Chicago, he asked me if I would be willing to record my songs. He had some extra time and some extra tape, and he said we should get them down while we had the nice studio. I complied and played through my songs. It took about 25 minutes and then we went home. Brendon came to love the recordings and played them for friends and visitors. This little publicity train, plus a series of live performances ensured a steady stream of requests for copies. When Brendon (by now playing as Viking Moses) was tapped by Marriage Records for a release, he passed along my record to them, and the idea of a co-release started to take form.

Other Views:

Spencer Kingman is the modest man behind [SPENKING]. His ultra-catchy songs of politics and growing up in Las Vegas are beautifully backed with a lone acoustic guitar.

—Rhonda Turnbough, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 2003

Spensing, Spencer Kingman, has songs to sing, and songs to share. His songs are heartwarming, feel-good-about-yourself-when-you-hear-them, even though some of the time you may not understand all the lyrics. Perfect randomness like 'take great care to color your hair for the vampires'. Along with all those good lyrics and vocal harmonies comes great fingerpicking, with the capo. If anyone has the chance to hear Spencer tell his stories you should do so. Amen.

—Cody Brant (Flaspas), Las Vegas, Nevada

Selected Discography:

Viking Moses - Golden Apples of the Sun (Arthur Mag/Bastet V/A)
Viking Moses - Live at the Chez Bippy (Natrix Natrix Records)
Viking Moses - Crosses (Marriage Records / Happy Home Records)
Low Skies - Self-Titled EP (Self Release)
Flaspas - Needs More Confusion (Self Release)
Flaspas - Chong This Next Hit (Self Release)
Spencer Kingman - Is Orange Birds (Marriage Records V/A)
Spencer Kingman - Spensing (Marriage Records / Happy Home)



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