



Stampfel, Peter **Song Shards**

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Since the 1960s, Peter Stampfel (Holy Modal Rounders, The Fugs) has been a major influence on the freakier edge of folk music, standing as “one of the first artists to explore the nexus where folk and psychedelia meet” (All Music). On his new album *Song Shards*, which marries two concepts, also represents a return to health for Stampfel, who was unable to sing for a time due to dysphonia. Section 1 is made up of ancient stoic aphorisms: prayers and observations of wit and wisdom (some inspired by his time in AA and others by smoking weed); while Section 2 sees Stampfel recalling radio advertising jingles, the first of which he heard on the radio at the age of 6 in 1945. Both are made up of extremely short songs. The album was produced by Mark Bingham (Marianne Faithfull, Dr. John, R.E.M.) and recorded in Brooklyn and New Orleans.

Stampfel has collaborated with Michael Hurley, Jeffrey Lewis, Yo La Tengo, and They Might Be Giants and won a GRAMMY Award for his liner notes of *The Anthology of American Folk Music* reissue. According to Rolling Stone his music is “oddball and ambitious” and The New York Times called him “the joyful embodiment of Americana of the folk hero.”

“Influential and uncompromising folk musician whose playful style embraces rock, country, and psychedelic influences.” -All Music

“Something of a legend... Peter Stampfel is an absolute eccentric whose obsession with American popular music in the 20th century is unlike anyone I’ve ever known.” - Bob Boilen, NPR Music

“Next to Bob Dylan, Stampfel is the closest thing to a genius that [thefolk scene] produced.” – Robert Christgau

Tracklist

1.	Muses Nine	01:40
2.	Maximum Love	01:39
3.	Every Person	01:24
4.	Open Me	01:55
5.	More Wack	01:29
6.	Swell Hells Bells	01:15
7.	Day Go By	01:52
8.	The Obstacle is the Way	01:01
9.	God May Be Indifferent	01:13
10.	Please Help Me	02:00
11.	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy	01:24
12.	Find a Way	01:10

13.	Be Strict with Yourself	01:07
14.	You Are the Product	01:22
15.	Hail Mary	03:36
16.	Love The Hand That Fate Deals You	01:18
17.	The Road	01:19
18.	You Fight for Your Life	01:48
19.	Focus	01:23
20.	New Prayer of Jabez	03:28
21.	Ajax	00:09
22.	All-Purpose Rit	00:08
23.	Aunt Fanny's Bread	00:20
24.	Blatz	00:16
25.	Castro Convertible	00:20
26.	Cream of Wheat	00:26
27.	Elsie, the Borden Cow	00:40
28.	Goldblatt's	00:12
29.	Libby's Canned Food	00:15
30.	Linco	00:27
31.	Log Cabin Syrup	00:25
32.	Old Timer's Beer	00:14
33.	Omar Bread	00:23
34.	Pepsi-Cola	00:27
35.	Postum	00:21
36.	Prell Shampoo	00:27
37.	Rival Dog Food	00:24
38.	Robert Hall Clothing Store	00:33
39.	Sal Hepatica	00:10
40.	Super Suds	00:06
41.	Swift Premium Franks	00:13
42.	Beer Jingle	00:08
43.	White Rose Petroleum Jelly	00:46
44.	White Tower Hamburgers	00:17
45.	Whitman's Sampler	00:34
46.	Wisconsin Super Service Stations	00:33