

Half-handed Cloud Cut Me Down & Count My Rings



STREET DATE: November 3, 2009

FORMAT: CD

CD BOX LOT: 35

GENRE: indie/pop

LIMITED EDITION: No

EXPORT RESTRICTIONS: N/A

PACKAGING: Gatefold

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Cut Me Down & Count My Rings is a collection of rarities, singles, and b-sides by indefatigable DIY pop musician **John Ringhofer**, AKA **Half-handed Cloud**. Until now, these songs were only available on vinyl, as a cassingle, with a zine, as a couple limited-edition CDEPs, or among the tracks of a few compilation albums. The themes are accordingly diverse: they include sheep, Psalms, werewolves, list-making, bees, stories from scripture and Christmas. Some of the songs served as transitions between previous Half-handed Cloud releases or built upon themes from the full-lengths. Lending a helping hand on assorted tracks are **Brandon Buckner**, from Ringhofer's former band **Wookieeback**, **Sufjan Stevens**, **Yoni** from **WHY?**, and **Nedelle** and **Chris** from **Cryptacize**.

TRACK LISTING

1. You Call Yourself Our Shepherd
2. It's Better to Follow the Shepherd
3. The Shepherd's Reach
4. Always Running Away
5. All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray
6. Good-Good Path
7. What Great Things...!
8. Leaving The Ninety-Nine
9. Clothe Yourself Within Us
10. You Call Yourself Our Shepherd (Reprise)
11. Cot-Roof
12. He's Not the Swindler We Are
13. Dear John (original version)
14. Was He Really Doubting?
15. Couple Kings Close the Road on a Giant parts 2-4
16. Once, Twice, Seven Times a Werewolf
17. Bees Are Trying to Build Their Nest in You
18. Bees Baked a Loaf for Me (or Flour from Flowers?)
19. Who Brought These Up?
20. Isaiah 49
21. Never in Labor!
22. We're Not Getting Well
23. Took Your Tablets
24. I Got a Letter
25. Ten Commandment Tombstone
26. Here's a List
27. Sewing Wind to Fabric
28. Chins
29. Finding
30. Oily
31. Ploughmen
32. Buffet
33. Pause
34. When Overwhelmed With Dread
35. Missing
36. Winding
37. Cut-down
38. Got-it
39. To Fill
40. Loathed
41. Couple Kings Close The Road On a Giant part 1
42. Pre-teen Apocalyptic Film Acting (Why?)

SELLING POINTS

- Radio campaign by Team Clermont
- Press campaign by ProxyMedia
- First time available the bulk of the material is available in CD format
- Features contributions for Sufjan Stevens, WHY?, and members of Cryptacize

KEY MARKETS

Dallas, Chicago, San Francisco, Portland, Austin, Seattle, New York, Los Angeles, San Diego

PRESS QUOTES

"A baroque minimalism that compresses songs in time, but keeps them sonically vibrant." - *Pitchfork*



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