

# Jimmy Ruggiere *Nicer Guy*

The Texas music scene is at it again with the release of veteran harmonica sideman turned singer/songwriter Jimmy Ruggiere's debut CD "Nicer Guy".

Under the direction of Chris Gage, producer/engineer/musician extraordinaire at his MoonHouse Studio in Austin, these ten songs import a fresh, yet occasionally retro energy to a classic genre.

The self-penned album of ten, original 'slice of life' stories is hewn from reflections only careful honesty delivers. Each track on "Nicer Guy" manages to capture a bit of genuine soul, humor and truth while introducing surprising twists and insight along the way. Eclectic. Eccentric. Real.

1. **BABY I'M WISE TO YOU**... a swanky little dance number that struts its stuff between doubts about trust and respect in relationships. 3:35
2. **I CRIED ALL THE WAY TO FT WORTH**... a snappy country tune about "movin' on" that just cries pedal-steel, with a twist that always brings a smile. 4:06
3. **WE'RE GOING HOME TO SAY GOODBYE TO DAD**... this folk anthem captures a heartfelt celebration, touching everyone who has lost a parent. 3:59
4. **I'LL TAKE THE RIDE**... a clever, catchy country-rocker about taking the plunge. Gritty harp and a wild lap steel go to town. 3:30
5. **A HEARTACHE COULDN'T HAPPEN TO A NICER GUY**... the title cut, a country shuffle built on twin fiddles and brother harmony, giving us a look inside Jimmy's ideals regarding relationships. 3:26
6. **THE LIVIN' END**... a powerful ballad that encourages hope and patience in the most important human quest. 4:46
7. **THERE'S ONE TOO MANY PRETTY GIRLS IN TUCSON**... a dark, edgy Mariachi/Flamenco flavored vignette; a tour de force destined for a movie soundtrack. 4:22
8. **IT HURTS SO BAD I WANT TO WAKE UP STONED**... "pour me" honky-tonk at its Telecaster twangiest. The title says it all! 3:42
9. **SUNDAY'S BROKEN**... a haunting drama woven between the minor harmonica and muted trumpet with two of Austin's finest players. 4:32
10. **90 MILES TO NASHVILLE**... roll down the windows and turn it up. Oh, it's bluegrass alright. 2:33

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