

# Front Man is Now Out Front and Alone

Whitehorse musician and former front man of Fullers Earth, Les Walker, is a man on a mission.

*11 Songs To Clear A Conscience*, as he puts it, are skeletons in his closet that have been released on CD. These tunes, now recorded, have cleared his conscience to

*Unaware* are a few of the songs that remind me of the Fullers Earth sound the most. I would add that they sound like Fullers Earth unplugged. This should not come as a surprise since Walker had a major influence, writing most of the songs on that band's first album.

and spiritual with a bit of punk mixed in to keep it honest.

Keeping it honest is an important factor with his music. It focuses his songs and keeps them clear of the sea of cheese that populates radio these days.

"Life is too short don't waste your time / the answers in your heart not in your mind / and time will start to pass and eventually time's gonna kick your ..."

As for Fullers Earth, Walker admitted, "I liked Fullers Earth, it was a really good feeling, I learned a lot from it, but I want to be more balanced.

"I want to have hard songs, but I also want to have soft songs. If it comes out (hard) I'm gonna sing it," he said.

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Walker wants to move forward and write with the freedom that a solo performer takes for granted. His interest now is recording music and not trying to fit a style.

"It's really good working with people. They can push you and pull you in ways that you wouldn't necessarily go.

"But working by yourself, you have to trust your own judgement, but you can do what you want to do," said Walker.

This album is honest, sometimes painfully so, but writing and singing about beauty, forgiveness, memories, hope and love can be painful subjects. These aspects

of Walker's songwriting hold out hope for a fruitful future continuing what he has started with this CD.

Walker's not sure when he'll have a CD release, though he said the CDs themselves will be out in the stores in a couple of weeks.

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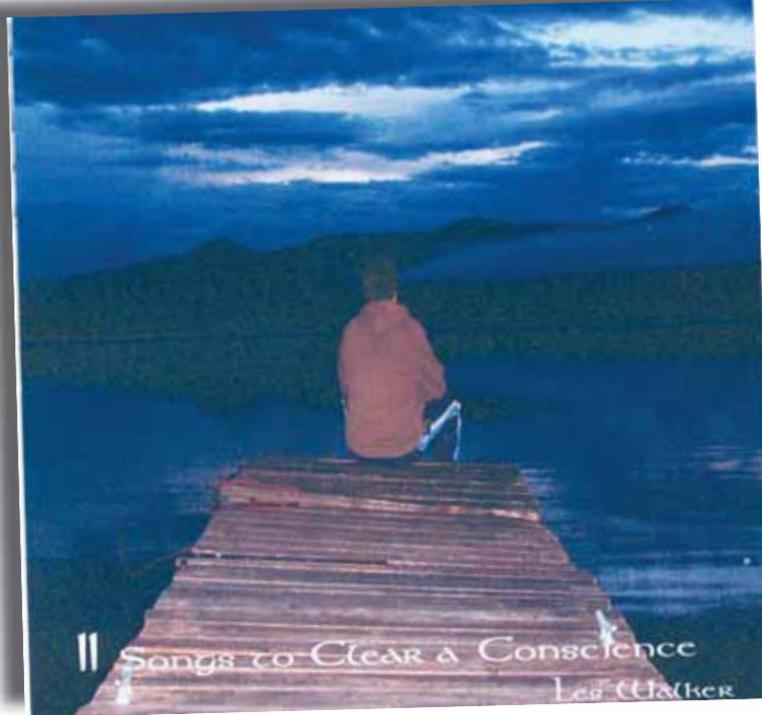
move on to think about future releases.

Walker told me these songs have been weighing him down. Though they hark back to a time when he was first writing songs, they show a side of him that he is proud of and continue to influence his music to this day.

The album is full of emotion with emphasis on relationships. At times, the album seems moody and musically sparse. The tunes are thoughtful lyrically and progressive musically.

*Fairytale, Another Day* and

*Take My Hand* and the punchy solo that starts the song is pure Canadiana. The song isn't about boy meets girl, but how boy can't believe how lucky he is. Walker's lyrics are earnest



*11 Songs To Clear A Conscience are for the sake of Les Walker's conscience. Yes, this is a very personal CD.*

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