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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

	
JACKSON BROWNE, an individual Plaintiff, vs. JOHN MCCAIN, an individual; THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL	CASE NO. CV 08-05334 RGK (Ex) DECLARATION OF DONALD MILLER IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSOLIDATED OPPOSITION OF PLAINTIFF TO SPECIAL MOTIONS TO STRIKE UNDER C.C.P. § 425.16 FILED BY
MMITTEE, a non-profit political canization; THE OHIO PUBLICAN PARTY; a non-profit itical organization Defendants.	DEFENDANTS; CONSOLIDATED OPPOSITION TO MOTIONS TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO FRCP 12(b)(6) FILED BY DEFENDANTS; AND MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO FRCP 12(b)(2), (3) & (6); OR TRANSFER PURSUANT TO §§ 28 U.S.C. 1404(a) & 1406(a)
	[Consolidated Opposition Of Plaintiff To Special Motions To Strike Under C.C.P. § 425.16 Filed By Defendants; Consolidated Opposition of Plaintiff To Motions to Dismiss Pursuant to FRCP 12(b)(6) Filed by Defendants; Opposition of Plaintiff To Motion to Dismiss Filed by Ohio Republican Party; Declaration of Jonathon Noyes; Evidentiary Objections; and Notice of Lodging filed concurrently herewith]

Hon. R. Gary Klausner Date Filed: August 14, 2008

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DECLARATION OF DONALD MILLER

I, Donald Miller, declare as follows:

- 1. I am the personal manager for Plaintiff Jackson Browne ("Plaintiff"). I have worked for Plaintiff since 1973 and have served as Plaintiff's manager since 1985. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, which are known by me to be true and correct, and if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto.
- 2. Plaintiff is among the most well known singers in the world. In 1977, Plaintiff released his most commercially successful album entitled *Running on Empty*, which included a song sharing the same name. *Running on Empty* is one of Plaintiff's most famous and enduring songs, having reached number 11 on Billboard's top 100 list in 1978, and number 492 on *Rolling Stone* magazine's list of the top 500 greatest songs of all time in 2004. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of an article from Rolling Stone magazine listing its selections for the 500 greatest songs of all time. While Plaintiff has licensed *Running on Empty* for use in motion pictures such as *Forrest Gump*, he has never licensed *Running on Empty* for use in a commercial or advertising.
- 3. Plaintiff's musical career has spanned five decades, during which time he has played thousands of concerts on 6 continents and sold approximately 14 million albums. And while Plaintiff's career began in the 1960's, his popularity remains strong to this day as he continues to sell out venues throughout the world. Plaintiff's indelible legacy was cemented by his induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is the biography of Plaintiff maintained on the website of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame at http://www.rockhall.com/inductee/jackson-Plaintiff. As Plaintiff's manager, I approved the content of this biography prior to its publication, and the matters set forth therein are true and correct. Additionally, in 2002, Plaintiff was the fourth recipient of the John Steinbeck Award, given to artists whose works exemplify the

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environmental and social values that were essential to the great California-born author.

- In 2007, Plaintiff was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame. 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is the biography of Plaintiff maintained on the website of the Songwriters Hall of Fame at http://www.songwritershalloffame.org/ceremony/entry/C3129/203912. As Plaintiff's manager, I approved the content of this biography prior to its publication, and the matters set forth therein are true and correct.
- Plaintiff's vocal style is distinctive, his voice earnest and endearing. The uniqueness of Plaintiff's voice is difficult to put into words, however, the most apt written description of Plaintiff's voice that I have read came from a 1972 Rolling Stone article, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D.
- Neither the Ohio Republican Party, the Republican National Committee 6. or Senator John McCain ("Defendants") sought or received permission to use Running on Empty in any campaign advertisement. Typically, when a third party wants to use a composition by an artist that I manage, a request is made, and if approved the song is licensed for a monetary fee. Plaintiff did not receive compensation, monetary or otherwise, from Defendants for their use of Running on *Empty* in the commercial at issue in this litigation.
- In my capacity as his manager, I am familiar with and have personal 7. knowledge of the identities of Plaintiff's other professional representatives and where they do business. Cree Clover Miller and I are Plaintiff's managers and are based in Studio City. Plaintiff's booking agent is Carole Kinzel of Creative Artists Agency, who is based in Century City. Plaintiff's business manager is Tina Fasbender, who is based in Santa Monica. Plaintiff's transactional attorney

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is Gary Gilbert of Manatt Phelps, based in West Los Angeles. Plaintiff's music publishing is administered by Wixen Music Publishing based in Calabasas and Plaintiff's record company is Inside Recordings, based in Studio City.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed January 7, 2009, at Los Angeles, California.

Donald Miller

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- 1. Like a Rolling Stone, Bob Dylan
- 2. Satisfaction, The Rolling Stones
- 3. Imagine, John Lennon
- 4. What's Going On, Marvin Gaye
- 5. Respect, Aretha Franklin
- 6. Good Vibrations, The Beach Boys
- 7. Johnny B. Goode, Chuck Berry
- 8. Hey Jude, The Beatles'
- 9. <u>Smells Like Teen Spirit</u>, Nirvana
- 10. What'd I Say, Ray Charles
- 11. My Generation, The Who
- 12. A Change Is Gonna Come, Sam Cooke
- 13. Yesterday, The Beatles
- 14. Blowin' in the Wind, Bob Dylan
- 15. London Calling, The Clash
- 16. *I Want to Hold Your Hand*, The Beatles
- 17. Purple Haze, Jimi Hendrix
- 18. Maybellene, Chuck Berry
- 19. Hound Dog, Elvis Presley
- 20. Let It Be, The Beatles

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- 21. Born to Run, Bruce Springsteen
- 22. Be My Baby, The Ronettes
- 23. In My Life, The Beatles
- 24. People Get Ready, The Impressions
- 25. God Only Knows, The Beach Boys
- 26. A Day in the Life, The Beatles
- 27. Layla, Derek and the Dominos
- 28. (Sittin on) the Dock of the Bay, Otis Redding
- 29. Help!, The Beatles
- 30. I Walk the Line, Johnny Cash
- 31. Stairway To Heaven, Led Zeppelin
- 32. Sympathy for the Devil, The Rolling Stones
- 33. River Deep Mountain High, Ike and Tina Turner
- 34. You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin', The Righteous Brothers
- 35. Light My Fire, The Doors
- 36. *One*, U2
- 37. No Woman, No Cry, Bob Marley and the Wailers
- 38. Gimme Shelter, The Rolling Stones
- 39. That'll Be the Day, Buddy Holly and the Crickets
- 40. Dancing in the Street, Martha and the Vandellas
- 41. The Weight, The Band
- 42. Waterloo Sunset, The Kinks
- 43. Tutti-Frutti, Little Richard
- 44. Georgia on My Mind, Ray Charles
- 45. <u>Heartbreak Hotel</u>, Elvis Presiey
- 46. *Heroes*, David Bowie
- 47. Bridge Over Troubled Water, Simon and Garfunkel
- 48. All Along the Watchtower, Jimi Hendrix
- 49. Hotel California, The Eagles
- 50. The Tracks of My Tears, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles
- 51. The Message, Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five

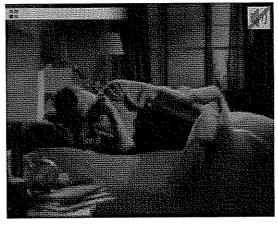
- 52. When Doves Cry, Prince
- 53. Anarchy in the U.K., The Sex Pistols
- 54. When a Man Loves a Woman, Percy Sledge
- 55. Louie Louie, The Kingsmen
- 56. Long Tall Sally, Little Richard
- 57. Whiter Shade of Pale, Procol Harum
- 58. Billie Jean, Michael Jackson
- 59. The Times They Are A-Changin', Bob Dylan
- 60. Let's Stay Together, Al Green
- 61. Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin On, Jerry Lee Lewis
- 62. Bo Diddley, Bo Diddley
- 63. For What It's Worth, Buffalo Springfield
- 64. She Loves You, The Beatles
- 65. Sunshine of Your Love, Cream
- 66. Redemption Song, Bob Marley and the Wailers
- 67. Jailhouse Rock, Elvis Presley
- 68. *Tangled Up In Blue*, Bob Dylan
- 69. Crying, Roy Orbison
- 70. Walk On By, Dionne Warwick
- 71. California Girls, The Beach Boys
- 72. Papa's Got a Brand New Bag, James Brown
- 73. Summertime Blues, Eddie Cochran
- 74. Superstition, Stevie Wonder
- 75. Whole Lotta Love, Led Zeppelin
- 76. Strawberry Fields Forever, The Beatles
- 77. Mystery Train, Elvis Presley
- 78. I Got You (I Feel Good), James Brown
- 79. Mr. Tambourine Man, The Byrds
- 80. I Heard It Through the Grapevine, Marvin Gaye
- 81. Blueberry Hill, Fats Domino
- 82. You Really Got Me, The Kinks

- 83. Norwegian Wood (This Bird Has Flown), The Beatles
- 84. Every Breath You Take, The Police
- 85. Crazy, Patsy Cline
- 86. Thunder Road, Bruce Springsteen
- 87. Ring of Fire, Johnny Cash
- 88. My Girl, The Temptations
- 89. California Dreamin', The Mamas and The Papas
- 90. In the Still of the Nite, The Five Satins
- 91. Suspicious Minds, Elvis Presley
- 92. Blitzkrieg Bop, Ramones
- 93. I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For, U2
- 94. Good Golly, Miss Molly, Little Richard
- 95. Blue Suede Shoes, Carl Perkins
- 96. Great Balls of Fire, Jerry Lee Lewis
- 97. Roll Over Beethoven, Chuck Berry
- 98. Love and Happiness, Al Green
- 99. Fortunate Son, Creedence Clearwater Revival
- 100. You Can't Always Get What You Want, The Rolling Stones

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- 101. Voodoo Child (Slight Return), Jimi Hendrix
- 102. Be-Bop-A-Lula, Gene Vincent and His Blue Caps
- 103. <u>Hot Stuff</u>, Donna Summer
- 104. Living for the City, Stevie Wonder
- 105. The Boxer, Simon and Garfunkel
- 106. Mr. Tambourine Man, Bob Dylan
- 107. Not Fade Away, Buddy Holly and the Crickets
- 108. Little Red Corvette, Prince
- 109. Brown Eyed Girl, Van Morrison
- 110. I've Been Loving You Too Long (to Stop Now), Otis Redding
- 111. I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry, Hank Williams



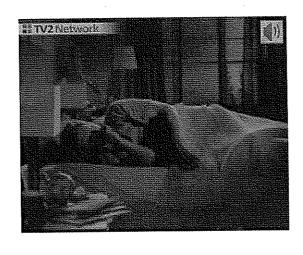


- 112. That's All Right, Eivis Presley
- 113. Up on the Roof, The Drifters
- 114. Da Doo Ron Ron (When He Walked Me Home), The Crystals
- 115. You Send Me, Sam Cooke
- 116. Honky Tonk Women, The Rolling Stones
- 117. Take Me to the River, Al Green
- 118. Shout (Parts 1 and 2)], The Isley Brothers
- 119. Go Your Own Way, Fleetwood Mac
- 120. I Want You Back, The Jackson 5
- 121. Stand By Me, Ben E. King
- 122. House of the Rising Sun, The Animals
- 123. It's a Man's Man's Man's World, James Brown
- 124. Jumpin' Jack Flash, The Rolling Stones
- 125. Will You Love Me Tomorrow, The Shirelles
- 126. Shake, Rattle & Roll, Big Joe Turner
- 127. Changes, David Bowie
- 128. Rock & Roll Music, Chuck Berry
- 129. Born to Be Wild, Steppenwolf
- 130. Maggie May, Rod Stewart
- 131. With or Without You, U2
- 132. Who Do You Love, Bo Diddley
- 133. Won't Get Fooled Again, The Who
- 134. In the Midnight Hour, Wilson Pickett
- 135. While My Guitar Gently Weeps, The Beatles
- 136. Your Song, Elton John
- 137. Eleanor Rigby, The Beatles
- 138. Family Affair, Sly and the Family Stone
- 139. I Saw Her Standing There, The Beatles
- 140. Kashmir, Led Zeppelin
- 141. All I Have to Do Is Dream, The Everly Brothers
- 142. Please, Please, Please, James Brown

- 143. Purple Rain, Prince
- 144. I Wanna Be Sedated, The Ramones
- 145. Everyday People, Sly and the Family Stone
- 146. Rock Lobster, The B-52's
- 147. Lust for Life, Iggy Pop
- 148. Me and Bobby McGee, Janis Joplin
- 149. Cathy's Clown, The Everly Brothers
- 150. Eight Miles High, The Byrds
- 151. Earth Angel, The Penguins
- 152. Foxey Lady, Jimi Hendrix
- 153. A Hard Day's Night, The Beatles
- 154. Rave On, Buddy Holly and the Crickets
- 155. Proud Mary, Creedence Clearwater Revival
- 156. The Sounds of Silence, Simon and Garfunkel
- 157. I Only Have Eyes for You, The Flamingos
- 158. (We're Gonna) Rock Around the Clock, Bill Haley and His Comets
- 159. I'm Waiting for the Man, The Velvet Underground
- 160. Bring the Noise, Public Enemy
- 161. I Can't Stop Loving You, Ray Charles
- 162. Nothing Compares 2 U, Sinead O'Connor
- 163. Bohemian Rhapsody, Queen
- 164. Folsom Prison Blues, Johnny Cash
- 165. Fast Car, Tracy Chapman
- 166. Lose Yourself, Eminem
- 167. Let's Get It On, Marvin Gaye
- 168. Papa Was a Rollin' Stone, The Temptations
- 169. Losing My Religion, R.E.M.
- 170. Both Sides Now, Joni Mitchell
- 171. Dancing Queen, Abba
- 172. Dream On, Aerosmith
- 173. God Save the Queen, The Sex Pistols

- 174. Paint It, Black, The Rolling Stones
- 175. I Fought the Law, The Bobby Fuller Four
- 176. Don't Worry Baby, The Beach Boys
- 177. Free Fallin', Tom Petty
- 178. September Gurls, Big Star
- 179. Love Will Tear Us Apart, Joy Division
- 180. Hey Ya!, Outkast
- 181. Green Onions, Booker T. and the MG's
- 182. Save the Last Dance for Me, The Drifters
- 183. The Thrill Is Gone, B.B. King
- 184. Please Please Me, The Beatles
- 185. Desolation Row, Bob Dylan
- 186. I Never Loved a Man (The Way I Love You), Aretha Franklin
- 187. Back in Black, AC/DC
- 188. Who'll Stop the Rain, Creedence Clearwater Revival
- 189. Stayin' Alive, The Bee Gees
- 190. Knocking on Heaven's Door, Bob Dylan
- 191. Free Bird, Lynyrd Skynyrd
- 192. Wichita Lineman, Glen Campbell
- 193. There Goes My Baby, The Drifters
- 194. Peggy Sue, Buddy Holly
- 195. Maybe, The Chantels
- 196. Sweet Child O' Mine, Guns N' Roses
- 197. Don't Be Cruel, Elvis Presley
- 198. <u>Hey Joe</u>, Jimi Hendrix
- 199. Flash Light, Parliament
- 200. Loser, Beck
- Back to RS 500 Albums! Back to RS 500 Songs!
- 201. Bizarre Love Triangle, New Order
- 202. Come Together, The Beatles

- 203. Positively 4th Street, Bob Dylan
- 204. Try a Little Tenderness, Otis Redding
- 205. Lean On Me, Bill Withers
- 206. Reach Out, I'll Be There, The Four Tops
- 207. Bye Bye Love, The Everly Brothers
- 208. Gloria, Them
- 209. In My Room, The Beach Boys
- 210. 96 Tears, ? and the Mysterians
- 211. Caroline, No., The Beach Boys
- 212. 1999, Prince
- 213. Your Cheatin' Heart, Hank Williams
- 214. Rockin' in the Free World, Neil Young
- 215. Sh-Boom, The Chords
- 216. Do You Believe in Magic, The Lovin' Spoonful
- 217. Jolene, Dolly Parton
- 218. Boom Boom, John Lee Hooker
- 219. Spoonful, Howlin' Wolf
- 220. Walk Away Renee, The Left Banke
- 221. Walk on the Wild Side, Lou Reed
- 222. Oh, Pretty Woman, Roy Orbison
- 223. Dance to the Music, Sly and the Family Stone
- 224. Good Times, Chic
- 225. <u>Hoochie Coochie Man</u>, Muddy Waters
- 226. Moondance, Van Morrison
- 227. Fire and Rain, James Taylor
- 228. Should I Stay or Should I Go, The Clash
- 229. Mannish Boy, Muddy Waters
- 230. *Just Like a Woman*, Bob Dylan
- 231. *Sexual Healing*, Marvin Gaye
- 232. Only the Lonely, Roy Orbison
- 233. We Gotta Get Out of This Place, The Animals



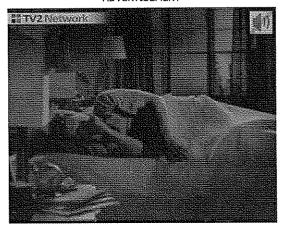
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- 235. I Got a Woman, Ray Charles
- 236. Everyday, Buddy Holly and the Crickets
- 237. Planet Rock, Afrika Bambaataa and the Soul Sonic Force
- 238. I Fall to Pieces, Patsy Cline
- 239. The Wanderer, Dion
- 240. Son of a Preacher Man, Dusty Springfield
- 241. Stand!, Sly and the Family Stone
- 242. Rocket Man, Elton John
- 243. Love Shack, The B-52's
- 244. Gimme Some Lovin', The Spencer Davis Group
- 245. The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down, The Band
- 246. (Your Love Keeps Lifting Me) Higher and Higher, Jackie Wilson
- 247. Hot Fun In the Summertime, Sly and the Family Stone
- 248. Rappers Delight, The Sugarhill Gang
- 249. Chain of Fools, Aretha Franklin
- 250. Paranoid, Black Sabbath
- 251. Mack the Knife, Bobby Darin
- 252. Money Honey, The Drifters
- 253. All the Young Dudes, Mott the Hoople
- 254. Highway to Hell, AC/DC
- 255. Heart of Glass, Blondie
- 256. Paranoid Android, Radiohead
- 257. Wild Thing, The Troggs
- 258. I Can See for Miles, The Who
- 259. Hallelujah, Jeff Buckley
- 260. Oh, What a Night, The Dells
- 261. Higher Ground, Stevie Wonder
- 262. *Qoo Baby Baby*, Smokey Robinson
- 263. He's a Rebel, The Crystals
- 264. Sail Away, Randy Newman

- 265. Tighten Up, Archie Bell and the Drells
- 266. Walking in the Rain, The Ronettes
- 267. Personality Crisis, New York Dolls
- 268. Sunday Bloody Sunday, U2
- 269. Roadrunner, The Modern Lovers
- 270. He Stopped Loving Her Today, George Jones
- 271. Sloop John B, The Beach Boys
- 272. Sweet Little Sixteen, Chuck Berry
- 273. Something, The Beatles
- 274. Somebody to Love, Jefferson Airplane
- 275. Born in the U.S.A., Bruce Springsteen
- 276. I'll Take You There, The Staple Singers
- 277. Zigay Stardust, David Bowle
- 278. Pictures of You, The Cure
- 279. Chapel of Love, The Dixie Cups
- 280. Ain't No Sunshine, Bill Withers
- 281. You Are the Sunshine of My Life, Stevie Wonder
- 282. Help Me, Joni Mitchell
- 283. Call Me, Blondie
- 284. (What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace Love and Understanding?, Elvis Costello and the Attractions
- 285. Smoke Stack Lightning, Howlin' Wolf
- 286. Summer Babe, Pavement
- 287. Walk This Way, Run-DMC
- 288. Money (That's What I Want), Barrett Strong
- 289. Can't Buy Me Love, The Beatles
- 290. Stan, Eminem featuring Dido
- 291. She's Not There, The Zombies
- 292. Train in Vain, The Clash
- 293. Tired of Being Alone, Al Green
- 294. Black Dog, Led Zeppelin
- 295. Street Fighting Man, The Rolling Stones

- 296. Get Up, Stand Up, Bob Marley and the Wailers
- 297. Heart of Gold, Neil Young
- 298. One Way or Another, Blondie
- 299. Sign 'O' the Times, Prince
- 300. Like a Prayer, Madonna

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- 301. Do Ya Think I'm Sexy?, Rod Stewart
- 302. Blue Eyes Crying In the Rain, Willie Nelson
- 303. Ruby Tuesday, The Rolling Stones
- 304. With a Little Help From My Friends, The Beatles
- 305. Say It Loud -- I'm Black and Proud, James Brown
- 306. That's Entertainment, The Jam
- 307. Why Do Fools Fall In Love, Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers
- 308. Lonely Teardrops, Jackie Wilson
- 309. What's Love Got To Do With It, Tina Turner
- 310. Iron Man, Black Sabbath
- 311. Wake Up Little Susie, The Everly Brothers
- 312. In Dreams, Roy Orbison
- 313. *I Put a Spell on You*, Screamin' Jay Hawkins
- 314. Comfortably Numb, Pink Floyd
- 315. Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood, The Animals
- 316. Wish You Were Here, Pink Floyd
- 317. Many Rivers to Cross, Jimmy Cliff
- 318. Alison, Elvis Costello
- 319. School's Out, Alice Cooper
- 320. Heartbreaker, Led Zeppelin
- 321. Cortez the Killer, Neil Young
- 322. Fight the Power, Public Enemy
- 323. Dancing Barefoot, Patti Smith Group
- 324. Baby Love, The Supremes



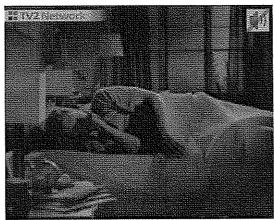
- 325. Good Lovin', The Young Rascals
- 326. Get Up (I Feel Like Being a) Sex Machine, James Brown
- 327. For Your Precious Love, Jerry Butler and the Impressions
- 328. The End, The Doors
- 329. That's the Way of the World, Earth, Wind and Fire
- 330. We Will Rock You, Queen
- 331. I Can't Make You Love Me, Bonnie Raitt
- 332. <u>Subterranean Homesick Blues</u>, Bob Dylan
- 333. Spirit in the Sky, Norman Greenbaum
- 334. Wild Horses, The Rolling Stones
- 335. Sweet Jane, The Velvet Underground
- 336. Walk This Way, Aerosmith
- 337. Beat It, Michael Jackson
- 338. Maybe I'm Amazed, Paul McCartney
- 339. You Keep Me Hanging On, The Supremes
- 340. Baba O'Riley, The Who
- 341. The Harder They Come, Jimmy Cliff
- 342. Runaround Sue, Dion
- 343. Jim Dandy, Lavern Baker
- 344. Piece of My Heart, Big Brother and the Holding Company
- 345. La Bamba, Ritchie Valens
- 346. California Love, Dr. Dre and 2Pac
- 347. Candle in the Wind, Elton John
- 348. That Lady (Part 1 and 2), The Isley Brothers
- 349. Spanish Harlem, Ben E. King
- 350. The Locomotion, Little Eva
- 351. The Great Pretender, The Platters
- 352. All Shook Up, Elvis Presley
- 353. Tears in Heaven, Eric Clapton
- 354. Watching the Detectives, Elvis Costello
- 355. Bad Moon Rising, Creedence Clearwater Revival

- 356. Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This), Eurythmics
- 357. Little Wing, Jimi Hendrix
- 358. Nowhere to Run, Martha and the Vandellas
- 359. Got My Mojo Working, Muddy Waters
- 360. Killing Me Softly With His Song, Roberta Flack
- 361. Complete Control, The Clash
- 362. All You Need Is Love, The Beatles
- 363. The Letter, The Box Tops
- 364. Highway 61 Revisited, Bob Dylan
- 365. Unchained Melody, The Righteous Brothers
- 366. How Deep Is Your Love, The Bee Gees
- 367. White Room, Cream
- 368. Personal Jesus, Depeche Mode
- 369. I'm A Man, Bo Diddley
- 370. The Wind Cries Mary, Jimi Hendrix
- 371. *I Can't Explain*, The Who
- 372. Marquee Moon, Television
- 373. Wonderful World, Sam Cooke
- 374. Brown Eyed Handsome Man, Chuck Berry
- 375. Another Brick in the Wall Part 2, Pink Floyd
- 376. Fake Plastic Trees, Radiohead
- 377. Hit the Road Jack, Ray Charles
- 378. Pride (In The Name of Love), U2
- 379. Radio Free Europe, R.E.M.
- 380. Goodbye Yellow Brick Road, Elton John
- 381. Tell It Like It Is, Aaron Neville
- 382. Bitter Sweet Symphony, The Verve
- 383. Whipping Post, The Allman Brothers Band
- 384. Ticket to Ride, The Beatles
- 385. Ohio, Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young
- 386. I Know You Got Soul, Eric B and Rakim

- 387. Tiny Dancer, Elton John
- 388. Roxanne, The Police
- 389. Just My Imagination, The Temptations
- 390. Baby I Need Your Loving, The Four Tops
- 391. Band of Gold, Freda Payne
- 392. O-o-h Child, The Five Stairsteps
- 393. Summer in the City, The Lovin' Spoonful
- 394. Can't Help Falling In Love, Elvis Presiey
- 395. Remember (Walkin' in the Sand), The Shangri-Las
- 396. Thirteen, Big Star
- 397. (Don't Fear) the Reaper, Blue Oyster Cult
- 398. Sweet Home Alabama, Lynyrd Skynyrd
- 399. Enter Sandman, Metallica
- 400. Kicks, Paul Revere and the Raiders

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- 401. Tonight's the Night, The Shirelles
- 402. Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Agin), Sly & the Family Stone
- 403. C'mon Everybody, Eddie Cochran
- 404. Visions of Johanna, Bob Dylan
- 405. We've Only Just Begun, The Carpenters
- 406. I Believe I Can Fly, R. Kelly
- 407. In Bloom, Nirvana
- 408. Sweet Emotion, Aerosmith
- 409. Crossroads, Cream
- 410. Monkey Gone to Heaven, Pixies
- 411. *I Feel Love*, Donna Summer
- 412. Ode to Billie Joe, Bobbie Gentry
- 413. The Girl Can't Help It, Little Richard
- 414. Young Blood, The Coasters
- 415. I Can't Help Myself, The Four Tops



- 416. The Boys of Summer, Don Henley
- 417. Fuck tha Police, N.W.A.
- 418. Suite: Judy Blue Eyes, Crosby, Stills and Nash
- 419. Nuthin' But a 'G' Thang, Dr. Dre
- 420. It's Your Thing, The Isley Brothers
- 421. Piano Man, Billy Joel
- 422. Lola, The Kinks
- 423. Blue Suede Shoes, Elvis Presley
- 424. Tumbling Dice, The Rolling Stones
- 425. William, It Was Really Nothing, The Smiths
- 426. Smoke on the Water, Deep Purple
- 427. New Year's Day, U2
- 428. Devil With a Blue Dress On/Good Golly Miss Molly, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels
- 429. Everybody Needs Somebody to Love, Solomon Burke
- 430. White Man in Hammersmith Palais, The Clash
- 431. Aln't It a Shame, Fats Domino
- 432. Midnight Train to Georgia, Gladys Knight and the Pips
- 433. Ramble On, Led Zeppelin
- 434. Mustang Sally, Wilson Pickett
- 435. Beast of Burden, The Rolling Stones
- 436. Alone Again Or, Love
- 437. Love Me Tender, Elvis Presley
- 438. I Wanna Be Your Dog, The Stooges
- 439. Pink Houses, John Cougar Mellencamp
- 440. Push It, Salt-n-Pepa
- 441. Come Go With Me, The Del-Vikings
- 442. Keep a Knockin', Little Richard
- 443. I Shot the Sheriff, Bob Marley and the Whailers
- 444. I Got You Babe, Sonny and Cher
- 445. Come As You Are, Nirvana
- 446. Pressure Drop, Toot and the Maytals

- 447. Leader of the Pack, The Shangri-Las
- 448. Heroin, The Velvet Underground
- 449. Penny Lane, The Beatles
- 450. By the Time I Get to Phoenix, Glem Campbell
- 451. The Twist, Chubby Checker
- 452. Cupid, Sam Cooke
- 453. Paradise City, Guns n' Roses
- 454. My Sweet Lord, George Harrison
- 455. All Apologies, Nirvana
- 456. Stagger Lee, Lloyd Price
- 457. Sheena Is a Punk Rocker, Ramones
- 458. Soul Man, Sam and Dave
- 459. Rollin' Stone, Muddy Waters
- 460. One Fine Day, The Chiffons
- 461. Kiss, Prince
- 462. Respect Yourself, The Staple Singers
- 463. Rain, The Beatles
- 464. Standing in the Shadows of Love, The Four Tops
- 465. Surrender, Cheap Trick
- 466. Runaway, Del Shannon
- 467. Welcome to the Jungle, Guns n' Roses
- 468. Search and Destroy, The Stooges
- 469. It's Too Late, Carole King
- 470. Free Man in Paris, Joni Mitchell
- 471. On the Road Again, Willie Nelson
- 472. Where Did Our Love Go, The Supremes
- 473. Do Right Woman, Do Right Man, Aretha Franklin
- 474. One Nation Under a Groove, Funkadelic
- 475. Sabotage, Beastie Boys
- 476. I Want to Know What Love Is, Foreigner
- 477. Super Freak, Rick James

- 478. White Rabbit, Jefferson Airplane
- 479. Lady Marmalade, Labelle
- 480. Into the Mystic, Van Morrison
- 481. <u>Young Americans</u>, David Bowie
- 482. I'm Eighteen, Alice Cooper
- 483. Just Like Heaven, The Cure
- 484. I Love Rock 'N Roll, Joan Jett
- 485. Graceland, Paul Simon
- 486. How Soon Is Now?, The Smiths
- 487. Under the Boardwalk, The Drifters
- 488. Rhiannon (Will You Ever Win), Fleetwood Mac
- 489. I Will Survive, Gloria Gaynor
- 490. Brown Sugar, The Rolling Stones
- 491. You Don't Have to Say You Love Me, Dusty Springfield
- 492. Running on Empty, Jackson Browne
- 493. Then He Kissed Me, The Crystals
- 494. Desperado, The Eagles
- 495. Shop Around, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles
- 496. Miss You, The Rolling Stones
- 497. Buddy Holly, Weezer
- 498. Rainy Night in Georgia, Brook Benton
- 499. The Boys Are Back in Town, Thin Lizzy
- 500. More Than a Feeling, Boston

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Jackson Browne

Induction Year: 2004

Induction Category: Performer

Jackson Browne (vocals, guitar, keyboards; born October 9, 1948)

Jackson Browne has been both an introspective, cerebral songwriter and a politically attuned voice of conscience. He emerged in the early Seventies as a soul-baring young folksinger whose songs dealt with riddles of romance and existence. In his middle period he became a more extroverted rock and roller. Later work grew more topical in nature as Browne sang of political and social realities within and beyond our borders. "In a way, I don't choose what I write about - my subjects kind of choose me," this vanguard singer/songwriter explained in 1993. "It's a healing thing, a way of confronting what's important in my life at the time."

Though he was born on a German army base, Browne has lived in Southern California virtually all his life. He was only 23 when he released the auspicious debut album, *Jackson Browne (Saturate Before Using)*. Yet he'd been making waves as a songwriter for seven years. As an Orange County high-schooler, he fell in with a folksinging clique that included Tim Buckley, Steve Noonan and Greg Copeland. In 1967 he ventured to New York, brushing against Andy Warhol's scene and befriending Leonard Cohen and Lou Reed. A publishing deal with Elektra Records led to demo recordings of 30 original songs. During this period, other performers discovered his material. Browne seemed far wiser than his years on such early gems as "These Days" and "Shadow Dream Song," which were recorded by Tom Rush, Nico, Gregg Allman and others.

Browne signed with David Geffen's Asylum label in 1971. In fact, Geffen's desire to show Browne's talent to the world is a major reason he launched Asylum, which would become home to the Eagles, Joni Mitchell, Tom Waits and others. Browne's first three albums - Saturate Before Using (1972), For Everyman (1973) and Late for the Sky (1974) - are confessional singer-songwriter classics. From the outset he paid careful attention to the melding of words and music. Browne wasn't a folk purist, and songs like "Doctor My Eyes" - his first single and a Top Ten hit - rocked out in a rolling, Southern California way. Yet his early lyrics took a more genteel, eloquent and even courtly approach than the pop norm. "It was my literary period," Browne told Rolling Stone. "Long-form rambling songs in iambic pentameter with the run-on philosophical attitude. I was searching bleary-eyed for God in the

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crowds."

Saturate Before Using was rife with thoughtful, lilting classics, including "Rock Me on the Water" and "Jamaica Say You Will." In a 1974 Rolling Stone profile, Cameron Crowe noted Browne's penchant for writing "song[s] of retrospection, of the man looking back at the child." For Everyman refined his burnished folk-rock approach and added two classics - "I Thought I Was a Child" and the optimistic "For Everyman" - to his growing canon. It also included his own versions of "These Days" and "Take It Easy." the Eagles hit he wrote with Glenn Frey.

Browne's third album, *Late for the Sky*, was his most ambitious and densely allegorical album. Its ambitious, big-themed songs included "Late for the Sky," "Fountain of Sorrow," "For a Dancer," "The Late Show" and the antinuclear finale, "Before the Deluge." It remains many hardcore fans' favorite Jackson Browne album. Two years passed before the release of The Pretender (1976), a cathartic album that had "the right blend of pessimism and endurance," according to Browne. His first wife, Phyllis, took her life early in its making, and Browne, after a period of mourning, responded with songs of painful, unflinching autobiography, including "Your Bright Baby Blues," "Here Come Those Tears Again" and "Sleep's Dark and Silent Gate." The popular title track made a compelling statement about the collision between soul and commerce that left many "caught between the longing for love and the struggle for the legal tender."

Browne followed it with the brilliantly conceived *Running On Empty* (1977), an audio-verite tour documentary drawn from concert performances and various settings on the road. His fine-tuned band included guitarist David Lindley - Browne's chief accompanist since For Everyman - whose parts perfectly suited Browne's songs. Their high-spirited performances of "Running on Empty" (#11) and the soulful oldie "Stay" (#20) made a multiplatinum phenomenon of *Running On Empty*. It reached #3, stayed on the charts for over a year, and sold more than 7 million copies. Moreover, the album further moved Browne from a folkish orientation to harder-rocking fare.

Browne's activist streak emerged in the late Seventies. In October 1979, he and <u>Bonnie Raitt</u> organized a series of star-studded benefit concerts for MUSE (Musicians United for Safe Energy). A triple live album from those shows, *No Nukes/The MUSE Concerts for a Non-Nuclear Future*, included Browne's performance of "Before the Deluge." His next album, *Hold Out* (1980), was Browne's first to reach #1, and it gave him two hit singles: "Boulevard" (#19) and "That Girl Could Sing" (#22). The biggest hit of Browne's career came in 1982 when "Somebody's Baby," from *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*, reached #7.

On his subsequent Eighties albums - Lawyers in Love (1983), Lives in the Balance (1986) and World in Motion (1989) - an increasingly politicized Browne paid increasing attention to real-world matters and expressed criticism of U.S. foreign policy during the Reagan years. While some wondered about his

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shift from the personal to the political, Browne argued that "nothing is more personal than your political beliefs." He made good on his convictions by performing at numerous benefit concerts. Browne came full circle with a highly personal late-career masterwork, *I'm Alive* (1993), whose artfully introspective tone harked back to his beginnings. *Looking East* (1996) took a more varied approach, mingling leftist politics, world music, love songs and paeans to Los Angeles.

The 25th anniversary of Browne's debut album, *Saturate Before Using*, was marked by his first compilation, *The Next Voice You Hear: The Best of Jackson Browne* (1997). Browne undertook a series of solo acoustic tours in the new millennium. On *The Naked Ride Home* (2002), he tied the various strands of his songwriting - from the mystical language of the heart to matters of social and political concern - into a coherent whole.

TIMELINE

October 9, 1948: Jackson Browne is born on a U.S. Army base in Heidelberg, West Germany.

1966: Jackson Browne signs a songwriting contract with Elektra Records. His early songs will be recorded by such artists as Tom Rush, Nico and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

January 2, 1972: Jackson Browne's debut album, Saturate Before Using, is released. Propelled by the hit single "Doctor My Eyes" (#8), the album establishes Browne as a key singer/songwriter in the early Seventies.

October 15, 1973: For Everyman, Jackson Browne's second album, is released.

September 19, 1974: Jackson Browne's Late for the Sky, which completes a trilogy of brooding, metaphysical folk-rock albums, is released.

November 20, 1976: The Pretender, by Jackson Browne, enters the charts. Keyed by FM radio's adoption of the title song, the album reaches #4 - Browne's strongest showing to date.

December 6, 1977: Jackson Browne's Running On Empty - a conceptual live album drawn from the previous summer's tour - is released. It stays on the charts for over a year, peaking at #3.

September 19, 1979: The first in a series of antinuclear concerts, organized by <u>Bonnie Raitt</u> and Jackson Browne, is held at New York City's Madison Square Garden. A three-record set, No Nukes/The MUSE Concerts for a Non-Nuclear Future, will reach #19.

June 27, 1980: Hold Out, Jackson Browne's sixth album (and first to go #1), is released.

August 21, 1982: Jackson Browne's biggest hit, "Somebody's Baby" (#7), enters the Top Forty.

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February 18, 1986: Jackson Browne releases Lives in the Balance, his fourth consecutive Top Ten album.

June 6, 1989: World in Motion, Jackson Browne's most overtly political album, is released.

October 11, 1983: I'm Alive, Jackson Browne's critically acclaimed tenth album, is issued.

February 13, 1996: Looking East, by Jackson Browne, makes its debut. It is only his second album of the Nineties.

September 1997: Jackson Browne's first greatest hits album, The Next Album You Hear, is released.

September 24, 2002: Jackson Browne releases The Naked Ride Home, his first new album in six years.

March 15, 2004: Jackson Browne is inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame at the nineteenth annual induction dinner. <u>Bruce Springsteen</u> is his presenter.

Essential Songs

The Pretender
Doctor My Eyes
Running on Empty
These Days
Late For the Sky
Fountain of Sorrow
Rock Me On the Water
For Everyman
Lives in the Balance
In the Shape of a Heart

Recommended Reading

"A Child's Garden of Jackson Browne."

Cameron Crowe. Rolling Stone (May 23, 1974): 39-44.

"Are You Prepared for the Pretender-Jackson Browne?"

Paul Nelson. Rolling Stone (December 10, 1976): 56-65.

"Jackson Browne Adapts."

Steve Pond. Rolling Stone (September 15, 1983): 33-39.

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Jackson Browne

Over the course of more than three decades, Jackson Browne has written and performed some of the most literate and moving songs in popular music. With classic albums including Late For The Sky, The Pretender, Running On Empty, and For Everyman, and songs like "Doctor My Eyes," "Rock Me On The Water," and "Lives In The Balance," he has defined a genre of songwriting that is charged with honesty, emotion and personal politics.

Jackson's artistry was recognized with his 2004 induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He also received in 2004 an honorary Doctorate of Music from Occidental College in Los Angeles, for "a remarkable musical career that has successfully combined an intensely personal artistry with a broader vision of social justice."

Browne's last album release was 2005's GRAMMY®-nominated Jackson Browne Solo Acoustic Vol. 1, presenting twelve songs culled from his acclaimed solo acoustic concerts performed worldwide.

Tracing the roots of Browne's career leads back to the mid-'60s and Los Angeles/Orange County folk clubs, where he played solo. Born in Germany to American parents, Jackson moved to Los Angeles at age 3, and, except for a short period living and working in New York City in the late 1960s, has always lived in Southern

His integral presence in the coffeehouse scene there ultimately led to his celebrated 1972 debut album, Jackson Browne. The now classic LP introduced ten original songs, including "Rock Me On The Water," "Jamaica Say You Will," featuring David Crosby on harmony vocals. Crosby and Graham Nash sang on "Doctor My Eyes," the album's first single, which became a #8 hit on Billboard's pop singles chart.

Browne's 1973 follow-up, For Everyman, included "These Days," and "Take It Easy," co-written with Glenn Frey, which had been The Eagles' debut single and breakthrough hit the year before. 1974's Late For The Sky-cited by Rolling Stone that year as one of the '100 Best Albums,' and again in 1997 as one of the '200 Essential Rock Collection Albums,' and in 2003 as one of the '500 Greatest Albums Of All Time'-was Jackson's confessional masterpiece of lyrical introspection. The Pretender, following two years later, was a breakthrough album-Jackson's first to chart in the Billboard Top 10, peaking at #5. On the heels of that success came what stands as Jackson's top-selling album, 1977's seven-times platinum, life-on-the road concept opus Running On Empty.

Browne's next project was the all-star series of concerts organized by Bonnie Raitt, Graham Nash, John Hall and Jackson in 1979 to benefit MUSE (Musicians United for Safe Energy). In addition to serving on the MUSE Foundation Board, Jackson helped edit and compile the 1980 3-LP live album from those shows. No Nukes/The MUSE Concerts for a Non-Nuclear Future featured a line-up including Bruce Springsteen, The Doobie Brothers, Carly Simon, James Taylor, Ry Cooder, Chaka Khan, Peter Tosh, and Tom Petty, among many others. The album, which includes Jackson's "Before The Deluge," climbed to #23 on Billboard's pop chart, a considerable feat for a triple-disc collection.

Jackson's studio work continued with 1980's Hold Out, a #1 album, featuring the hits "Boulevard" and "That Girl Could Sing." In 1982, Browne scored a #7 hit with the single "Somebody's Baby," from the soundtrack for Fast Times at Ridgemont High.

1983's Lawyers In Love also spawned several popular singles, including "Tender Is The Night" and "For A Rocker." In 1986, Jackson continued to develop his social focus with Lives in The Balance. This topical disc was included in Rolling Stone's 1986 'Best 100 Albums,' and again in their 1990 special issue of '100 Greatest Albums of the 1 980s.' 1989's World In Motion was a call to action even more explicitly political than its predecessor.

I'm Alive was a striking return to the personal and romantic subject matter that characterized Jackson's earlier work. Released in 1993, and widely considered a career highlight, the disc found Jackson revisiting matters of the heart and soul on tracks including "My Problem Is You" and "Sky Blue and Black." On 1996's Looking East, he addresses various aspects of personal growth and social struggles, and their

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interconnectedness in the world around him.

2002 marked the release of The Naked Ride Home, Jackson's first suite of all new songs since Looking East, and one of the most eclectic of his career, exploring the human condition with a grace and insight that became his trademarks.

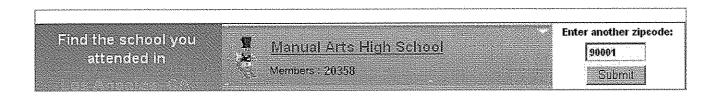
Jackson Browne's overall body of work was celebrated in 2004 with the release of Elektra-Rhino's 2CD compilation The Very Best of Jackson Browne, featuring 32 songs selected from throughout his career. The one earlier compilation of Jackson's work is Elektra's 1997 single-disc overview The Next Voice You Hear: The Best of Jackson Browne.

In 2002, Jackson became the fourth recipient of the John Steinbeck Award, given to artists whose works best exemplify the environmental and social values that were essential to the great California-born author. Browne joins a group of honorees that now includes filmmaker John Sayles, playwrights Arthur Miller and Lanford Wilson, musician Bruce Springsteen, authors Tom Wolfe and Kurt Vonnegut, and Studs Terkel.

The search for truth and one's place in the world remain central to Jackson Browne's songs. "Everything in life is colored by your personality," Stelnbeck once wrote, adding, "but as you mature you become more aware of outside things, less concerned about yourself." In that regard, Jackson has been an ever evolving and maturing creative voice, and a world citizen, for most of his life.

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It's not often that a single album is sufficient to place a new performer among the first rank of recording artists. Jackson Browne's long-awaited debut album chimes in its author with the resounding authority of an Astral Weeks, a Gasoline Alley, or an After the Gold Rush. Its awesome excellence causes one to wonder why, with Browne's reputation as an important songwriter established as far back as 1968, this album was so long in coming. Perhaps Browne acquired performing abilities worthy of his writing skill only after much hard work. Whatever the reason, Jackson Browne (Asylum SD 5051) is more than worth the years it took to be hatched.

I mention the possibility that Browne has honed his performing skill mainly because of a vocal style that bears a certain resemblance to Van Morrison's. Browne may well have used Morrison as a model, because that singer's dynamic phrasing and syntax—with those mid-phrase halts, word-packing and spreading, and drawn-out syllables—are integral parts of Browne's style, too. The Morrison influence is most audible in "Rock Me on the Water" and "Under the Falling Sky," with their lilting, gospel-like movement (these two would make excellent singles) but it comes across in subtler ways in several other songs.

But what might have seemed uncomfortably derivative in other hands becomes merely a sound starting point for Jackson; his artistry takes the Morrison elements to a place completely his own. For one thing, Browne's voice is uncolored except for a bluegrassnasality; it's not a particularly powerful voice, either, but it's quite flexible. That straight-faced, country - boy sound-somewhat akin to Clarence White's in tone-lends his vocal style an endearing, innocent earnestness that enables Browne to deal with overtly romantic themes without ever coming across as self-conscious or precious.

The songs themselves reveal Browne as a classic romanticist; they're possessed of that same earnest intensity found in his voice, and their prevailing moods are so strong that singers as diverse as Tom Rush, Johnny Darrell, Nico, and Clarence White can sing them without significantly altering their tone or substance. Browne's songs, no matter who sings them, seem to have a life of their own. After hearing this LP, it's clear to me that no one has done them nearly as well as Jackson himself, and it's not likely that anyone will.

"Jamaica, Say You Will," the opening track, is an exquisite love song, and it perfectly embodies Browne's writing and performing approach. This narrative of the relationship between the singer and Jamaica, the daughter of a long-absent sailor, vividly confirms Richard Goldstein's 1968 perception that "Jackson writes with rocky seacoasts in his head."

A full-chorded grand piano gives the song a rolling, even motion and a certain austerity of mood. Browne plays his voice off the piano's restrained tone, soaring up from his own basically understated vocal in mid-verse and chorus. This underplaying of mood lights Jackson's simple but evocative images with a muted radiance that aurally captures the look of McCabe and Mrs. Miller.

While the music sets the tone, Browne deftly tells the tale, his imagery charged with vivid suggestion. Jamaica and her lover share an idyllic, youthful romance in the high grass of a coastal village, but the singer feels a twinge of apprehension cut into his bliss: "Her father was a captain on the rolling seas,/She would stare across the water from the trees./The last time he was home, he held her on his knee/Told her next time they would sail together, just where they pleased...."

Inevitably, the time comes; the singer laments that one day they'd been hiding from the world together, and on the next, without warning, "They had brought her things down to the bay./What could I do?" And his callow plea in the first chorus to "Fill my empty hours" becomes a plea of teeth-gritting urgency in the third to "Fill my sails/And we will sail until our waters have run dry." But there's no chance of his fulfilling his dream, as he's known all along.

Much of the dramatic force of "Jamaica" derives from its gorgeous choruses. Each chorus builds tension by offsetting its lyrical meter from the movement of the music, so that the first part of each line is packed tightly and the second part is stretched out, as here, in the second chorus:

Jamaica Sayyy yoou wi-lll Help-me-find-a Wayyy tooo fi-lll My-lifeless-sails-and Stayyy uhhhntil My ships have found the sea.

Harmonies enter at the "Sayyy" section of each of the first three lines, accenting the rush of words that precedes them. All the tension built up by the struggle for balance between the lyrical and musical structures resolves itself gracefully in the even last line. Naturally, Browne's single-minded delivery drives the tension to even greater heights, and the song soars. It's as moving a love song as I've ever heard.

What's astounding about this record is that there are a half dozen tracks of "Jamaica"-beauty ("Song for Adam" and "From Silver Lake" are especially affecting), and none of the ten songs is any less than brilliant and lovely. Each has the immediacy of a touch, due in part to Jackson's first-person approach.

The music is as direct and fluid as the lyrical content. It's arranged and played with appropriate restraint by a dozen Los Angeles session favorites, among them Sneeky Pete, Craig Doerge (his piano playing is particularly sensitive). Lee Sklar, and Russ Kunkel. David Crosby's harmonies haven't sounded this real since he left the Byrds. And although you'll hear, aside from the standard acoustic guitar, piano, and bass, the sounds of electric guitar, organ, mouth harp, pedal steel, and viola, these instruments are subdued and spread carefully through the ten songs. No one gets in Jackson's way it's completely his album.

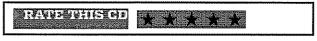
Jackson Browne's sensibility is romantic in the best sense of the term: his songs are capable of generating a highly charged, compelling atmosphere throughout, and—just as important—of sustaining that pitch in the listener's mind long after they've ended.

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