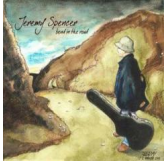


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1. Homesick 2. Cry For Me Baby 3. Whispering Fields 4. I Walked A Mile With Sorrow 5. Earthquake 6. Aphrodite 7. Secret Sorrow 8. Jambo 9. The Sun is Shining 10. Stranger Blues 11. Strange Woman 12. Blind Lover 13. Desired Haven 14. Come to Me 15. Merciful Sea 16. Refugees 17. Bend in the Road

Personnel
Jeremy Spencer – vocals, slide guitar, resonator guitar, acoustic guitar, piano, organ
Brett Lucas – electric guitar, resonator and acoustic guitar, twelve-string guitar, backing vocals
James Simonson – bass guitar, upright bass
Todd Glass – drums, percussion
Rachel May – backing vocals
Molly Hughes – violin
Mimi Morris, Stefan Koch – cello
Duncan McMillan – accordion

Back in the swinging '60s, Fleetwood Mac was originally formed by John Mayall's Bluesbreakers guitarist Peter Green and drummer Mick Fleetwood as a classic British blues-rock band. Guitarist Jeremy Spencer was a founding member of Mac, adding an essential edge to the band's first two bluesy LPs with his Elmore James-influenced slide-guitar sound.

Spencer left the band in 1971 to pursue other avenues, but he was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame with Fleetwood Mac on the basis of his musical contributions to the band's first five albums and, you know, being an original member as well. Spencer has continued to write and play music during the years, but he jumped back into the spotlight big-time in April 2012 when he released Bend In The Road, a limited edition two-album vinyl set for International Record Store Day.

On August 28, 2012 Spencer's Bend In The Road will be released on CD with new packaging and a somewhat different track listing. The original double-vinyl set included 17 songs, four of which were exclusive to the LP, while the CD version of Bend In The Road offers up 14 songs, including the CD-exclusive "Homework." The album is a collection of guitar-driven roots 'n' blues tunes produced by Spencer and guitarist Brett Lucas of the Detroit band the Boa Constrictors, who back of the British blues-rock legend in the studio.

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Bend In The Road is Spencer's first album since 2006's Precious Little, and only his second new set in almost 33 years. Critics are already falling all over themselves to praise Spencer's new effort, so it would be well worth your time to check out Bend In The Road for a taste of authentic British blues-rock sounds. --- Reverend Keith A. Gordon, blues.about.com

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