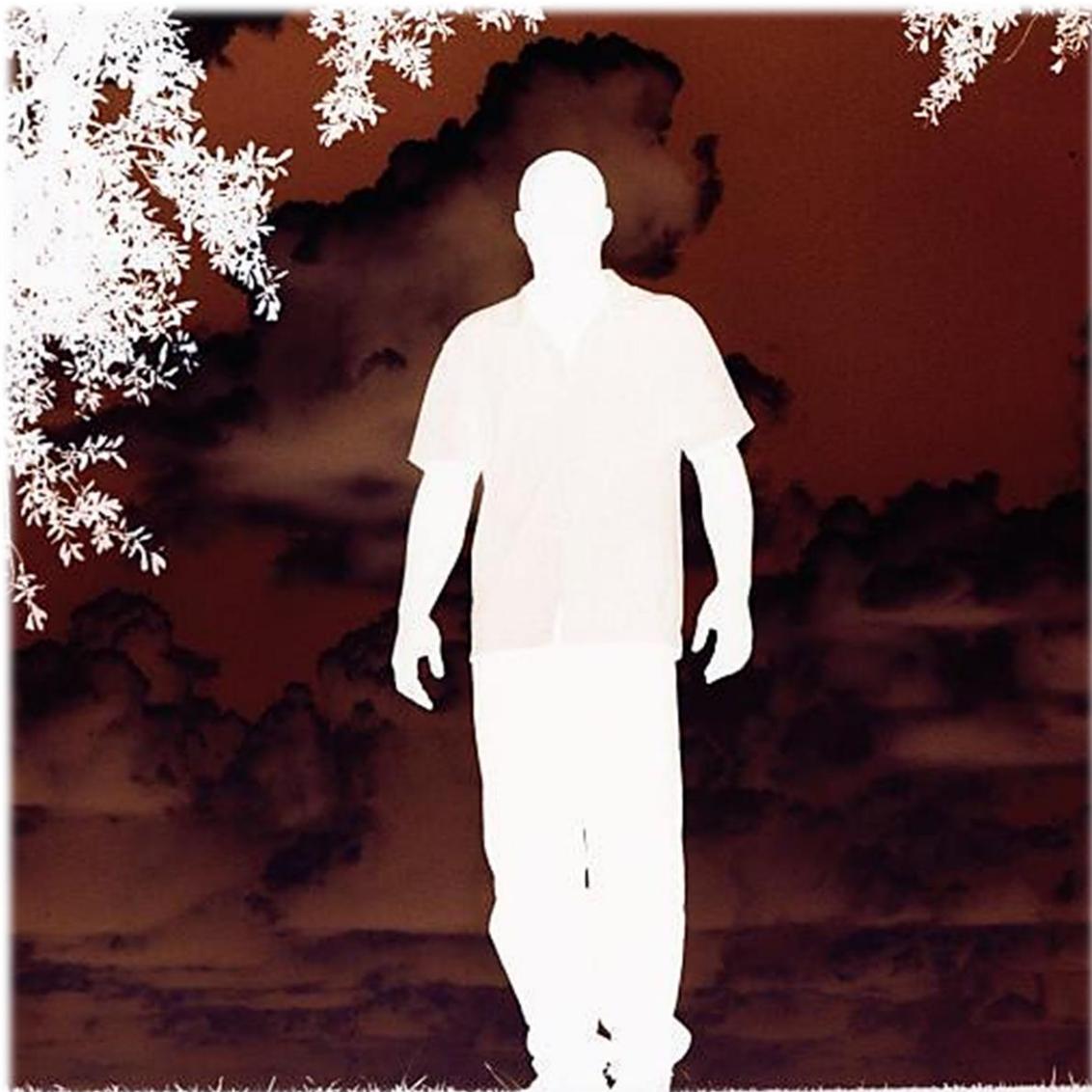


10 MONTHS OUT



10 Months Out was created nearly twenty years ago, in a USMC barracks room on the east coast of the United States. It began as a collaborative writing project between myself and roommate Darrell Cleland. Together, we co-wrote a handful of songs, some serious and a few just for laughs. At the time, we were both ten months away from finishing our enlistments in the Marines and looking forward to getting out, hence the name "10 Months Out". Darrell did move on to other exciting adventures. I stayed for another four years before getting out, doing other stuff, and then enlisting in the Army, but those are all stories for another time. These five songs have been in storage for almost two decades, visited upon only a few times to reminisce. We always felt as though these songs had a lot to offer. However, since they were written on a 4 track cassette recorder in our barracks room, the sound quality was never good enough for us to be able to share them. Now, as I am approaching the end of my military career and have reached my final 10 Months Out date (for real this time), it seemed appropriate to finally put some effort into re-recording and releasing these songs. We hope you enjoy...

I would like to thank the people who have helped along the way: My wife and kids for allowing me (begrudgingly) to spend as much time as I do making music; The rest of my family and friends, all of you (too many to list), for all of the continued support over the years; Darrell Cleland, for the memories, and for playing such an indispensable part in the creation of this music. Without you my friend, these songs could never have been written; The musicians who contributed their talents to this recording: Chris Hodges for the amazing vocals that brought these songs to life, Ziv Shalev for laying down the exciting guitar solos, and Ike Thurston for creating the powerful foundation that everything else was built upon; and Andy Pow for once again, putting in a great amount of work in a very short period of time.

Lastly, but most importantly, I want to thank YOU, the listener, for lending us your ears and inviting us to be a part of your lives, even if only for a few moments. - Tony CC

Credits

Away

Vocals- Chris Hodges
Guitars- Tony CC
Bass- Tony CC
Drums- Ike Thurston

Exotic Dancer

DJ Voice- DJ Tiny Tim
Vocals- Chris Hodges
Guitars- Tony CC
Guitar Solo- Ziv Shalev
Bass- Tony CC
Drums- Ike Thurston

Shark Crazy

Vocals- Chris Hodges
Guitars- Tony CC
Guitar Solo- Ziv Shalev
Bass- Tony CC
Drums- Ike Thurston

Pretend

Vocals- Chris Hodges
Guitars- Tony CC
Bass- Tony CC
Drums- Ike Thurston

Grizzled

Vocals- Chris Hodges
Guitars- Tony CC
Guitar Solo- Ziv Shalev
Bass- Tony CC
Drums- Ike Thurston

All lyrics written by Darrell Cleland

All music written and arranged by Tony CC

Mixed by Andy Pow at Digital Wave Recording Studio in Fayetteville, NC

Mastered by Chris Boerner at the Kitchen Mastering Studio in Carrboro, NC

Away

You. Can't tell me what to do
You never do what you
Have always promised to
See. I always tried to be
What you want of me
You are the one who's free

I cannot wait, Just stay away from me
I cannot wait, Just stay away from me
I cannot wait, Just stay away from me
I cannot wait... To stay away from you

Gotta stay away from me,
you gotta stay away from me

I always tried to be,
what you want of me
Ooh...I can't wait,
you got to stay away from me

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Exotic Dancer

The room is smoky and it's not well lit,
I'm in the corner, by myself I sit
A beer is brought me in a moment's time,
I watch the dancers on the bar they grind

She takes my hand and walks in front of me, Against my will I follow willingly
I feel her close to me, I want to touch her skin, I want to breathe her breath
She only wants my money

Her dance starts off and all the lights go down,
Her costume is a small short cut red gown
Her perfumed fragrance turns my attention
Movement and music are in unison

She takes my hand and walks in front of me, Against my will I follow willingly
I feel her close to me, I want to touch her skin, I want to breathe her breath
But she only wants my money

She doesn't understand I work all day
She tries to rob me of my hard earned pay
I know it's my choice that I am in here
But all I wanna do is drink and stare

She takes my hand and walks in front of me, Against my will I follow willingly
I feel her close to me, I want to touch her skin, I want to breathe her breath
But she only wants my money

Shark Crazy

She drives me crazy
Shark feeding frenzy
I wanna run my fingers through her hair
I wanna gaze right back into her stare
Because I love her
Why can't she love me?
She drives me crazy

The Ocean current brings her scent to me
For her I'll fight, I will not lose
My vision blurs, I cannot see
But still I track her every move
The way she moves the way she walks
I want to be the one that she loves
The way she plays the way she talks
Why can't I be the one that she loves?

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Just the thought,
just a glance or the sight of her
Clothes soft, worn ready to fall
Makes me hot, makes me cold,
makes me shiver
Makes me weak, to her I crawl
Take her hand and look into her eyes
Defensive wall of ice around her melts
What I see she sees and won't deny,
Now she feels what I have always felt

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I wanna run my fingers through her hair
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Pretend

Why do you look the way I feel?
The way you are is all a lie
You don't know what, I've been going through
You don't see tears, falling from my eyes

Why do you make me pretend? I don't know how to try
Why can't you just forgive? Don't make our lives a lie

Your friends all smile and tell you I am wrong
To hide inside my shell of fear
They don't know us and no they don't belong
These words are hard for you to hear

Why do you make me pretend? I don't know how to try
Why can't you just forgive? Don't make our lives a lie

Why do you make me Pretend?... Why can't you just forgive?... It's all a lie

I want you to want me for who I am
This pain is mine, I'll take it on my own
I want to be a part of all your plans
Just leave this part of me alone

Why do you make me pretend? I don't know how to try
Why can't you just forgive? Don't make our lives a lie

Grizzled

Once long ago I loved you,
Now you mean nothing to me
To be with you breaks all of my rules,
Just leave just go away from me

I don't wanna look in your eyes
I don't wanna hear your sweet voice
I don't wanna hear all your lies
Just leave, just go this is my choice

I don't know how to tell you to go,
I'm mean, I'm bad, I'm cruel to you
I'm always ready to fight,
I do not want to be with you

I don't wanna look in your eyes
I don't wanna hear your sweet voice
I don't wanna hear all your lies
Just leave, just go this is my choice

Just Go.....

I don't wanna look in your eyes
I don't wanna hear your sweet voice
I don't wanna hear all your lies
Just leave, just go this is my choice

I love it when I make you cry,
My words cut at you like a knife,
The tears pouring straight from your eyes,
I do not want you in my life

I don't wanna look in your eyes
I don't wanna hear your sweet voice
I don't wanna hear all your lies
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