



## “The Bestest Songs I Ever Wrote” Song Details & Descriptions

### 1. Don't Do Me Like That With Your Cowboy Hat

*(Green Mountain Standard Time - 2017)*

This song was written nearly 50 years ago and is lovingly delivered as the definitive Public Service Announcement, warning everyone about the ever-present danger of assault by cowboy hat.

### 2. Don't Make Me Beg

*(Riding My Guitar - 2013)*

Rambler Dave Rowell renders this heartfelt plea which is actually as close to begging as it can be without actually begging. This song is a favorite and much-requested part of every Ramblers performance. “You’ve Got Your Pretty Red Dress On, It Looks So Good On You!”

### 3. Out In The Cold

*(God Bless The Mighty Pickle - 2023)*

Another song from the archives, “Out In The Cold” was written and recorded in 1991 for “You Can’t Get There From Here,” the “Official Vermont Bicentennial Album.” Co-produced by Chuck Eller and Rick Norcross, the album featured three songs each by Big Joe Burrell & The Unknown Blues Band, LeRoy Preston, Banjo Dan & The Mid-Nite Plowboys and Rick Norcross & The Nashfull Ramblers. The new and improved “Out In The Cold” features a terrific arrangement by Charlie MacFadyen, sweet harmonies by The Blue Gardenias with the addition of a monster harp part by Jonathan Edwards who came over from Maine to add the finishing touches to a super-heated version of “Out In The Cold.”



Jonathan Edwards, Lane Gibson, Rick & Steve Payne

### 4. Moo Cow Milk

*(God Bless The Mighty Pickle - 2023)*

Anson Tebbetts, Vermont’s Secretary of Agriculture and former Vermont Senator Bobby Starr, “from way up Orleans way,” the former Chair of Vermont’s Senate Agriculture Committee, came to the “God Bless The Mighty Pickle” CD release party at The Hotel Vermont to support the song that Secretary Anson asked me to write, “Moo Cow Milk” about fake milk. I have never had the subjects of two verses of one of my songs sitting in front of the band. What a treat.

“Rick, Moo Cow Milk! Tops my list.” ...*Anson Tebbetts, Secretary of Agriculture*

## 5. You Can't Make It Up

*Riding My Guitar - 2013)*

One of Rick's most requested songs, "You Can't Make It Up," perfectly relives the experience of buying a formaldehyde-infused corsage at Harold Holcomb's Funeral Home in Hardwick, the only flower shop in town, for a date to the 1962 Hardwick Academy Junior Prom, "Where Dreams Come True."



Hardwick Academy, Queen's Court, 1962 Junior Prom

"Congratulations to you and The All-Star Ramblers for being awarded "Western Swing Song of the Year" by the Academy of Western Artists. Your song, "You Can't Make It Up," with ties to Hardwick, Harold Holcomb's Funeral Home, and the 1962 Hardwick Academy Junior Prom, brings a smile to my face,"  
...Patrick J. Leahy, Senator, Vermont, United States Senate

## 6. My Kissing Days Are Over

*(God Bless The Mighty Pickle - 2023)*

At the "God Bless The Mighty Pickle" release party, Anson Tebbetts came up to the microphone to read a letter from Governor Phil Scott congratulating The Ramblers for our song, "My Kissing Days Are Over," a tribute to the Governor for his stellar leadership during the pandemic from an off-center direction. Jamie Lee Thurston came home from Nashville to share vocals with Rick.



Rick, Jamie Lee Thurston & Lane Gibson

"Your work has brought smiles to many faces across Vermont and the nation over the years. "My Kissing Days Are Over" definitely did so for me, Dr. Levine and my entire team - so I wanted to thank you for that song in particular,"

...Philip B. Scott, Governor, State of Vermont



Rick & Governor Scott

## 7. The Way We've Always Done It

*(Riding My Guitar - 2013)*

Here's a song written to honor those who have already made up their minds on every subject. You already know them and you already love them.

## 8. Green Mountain Standard Time

*(Green Mountain Standard Time - 2017)*

"Green Mountain Standard Time" is a co-write that came to the project from longtime Canadian songwriting pal, Grant Heywood. In addition to his considerable songwriting skills, Grant Heywood is a multi-instrumentalist and session musician who has played on over 50 recordings. He has six albums and a dozen charted singles to his name in his native Canada. Grant's father, Earl Heywood, was known as "Canada's Number One Singing Cowboy" in the '40s & '50s. He recorded on RCA Victor Records and was inducted into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame in the '80s.



Grant Heywood & Rick on a Gig

The retro-sounding track tells the story of the 61-year long music career of Rick Norcross and what it means to sing in Green Mountain Standard Time.

## 9. Have A Heart

*(God Bless The Mighty Pickle - 2023)*

An instructive song about sharing and caring.



## 10. They Say You Can't Take It With You When You Go

(Green Mountain Standard Time - 2017)

Longtime Rambler vocalist and bass player, Brother Dave Rowell steps up to smoothly deliver the gospel-tinged "They Say You Can't Take It With You (When You Go)," complete with a Hammond B-3 organ accompaniment. This song respectfully celebrates many of the things you can and do take with you when you go.

## 11. Lost In Austin

(Green Mountain Standard Time - 2017)



Panama Red in Burlington

"This version of "Lost in Austin," I sing in tribute and with heartfelt thanks to the late Legendary Panama Red for 50 years of friendship and for all those terrific songs and musical moments he has shared with the rest of us mere mortals." ...Rick Norcross

"Rick - Thank you for including my tune "Lost in Austin" on your latest splendid effort. I am grateful for your addition of the stellar third verse to my tune. I have incorporated it into my own performances. Yer fan, Panama." ...The Legendary Panama Red

## 12. God Bless The Mighty Pickle

(God Bless The Mighty Pickle - 2023)



Dave Wright & The Pickle

"God Bless The Mighty Pickle" is the title track on our final studio album. This song tells how the Ramblers tour bus of 22 years took a four year journey from the hills of old Vermont to national stardom. It tells the story of our 1957 Flexible Starliner coach that faithfully served as our trusty tour bus, never failing to reach a show on time... and how she ended up as a showpiece at a nationally renowned country music museum. You can even hear the The Mighty Pickle's air horns featured within the song. Purchased from Rick in 2019, Dave & Boots Wright executed an extensive three and a half year restoration in Ocala, Florida. They then donated "The Mighty Pickle," now christened "The Chief," to Marty Stuart for his Congress Of Country Music Museum in Philadelphia, Mississippi where she is now a featured attraction.

"I want to salute you. As a friend, ambassador and champion of a music that so many hold dear in their hearts, you and the Ramblers have fought the good fight for so many years, so many miles. It is an honor to be a part of your legacy by way of The Mighty Pickle," ...Marty Stuart, Member Country Music Hall of Fame & Five Time Grammy Award Winner



Rick, Marty Stuart & The Chief

## 13. I Rode The Ti

(I Rode The Ti - 2008)

Vermont history comes alive in the fact-filled song, "I Rode The Ti," the story of the magnificent Lake Champlain steamboat Ticonderoga, moved two miles overland to the Shelburne Museum in 1955. Rick Norcross was on the ceremonial "Last Voyage" on November 6th, 1954 at nine years of age. In 1998 he was invited to produce The Ticonderoga Party, the festival celebrating the unveiling of the McClure Restoration of



Ceremonial "Last Voyage," w/Staff & Dignitaries

the Ti at the Shelburne Museum, attended by over 7,000 people.

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## 14. Take Your Time

(*Riding My Guitar* - 2013)



Joel Najman Himself

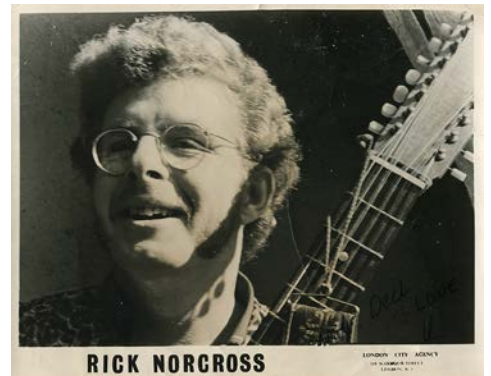
“Congratulations young fellow. I’m planning to feature a bunch of Ricksongs this weekend on WDEV. I like and enjoy virtually all of your recorded songs, and I personally could never rank them. “Take Your Time,” however, emerges as an all-time personal favorite.” ...*Joel Najman, Host of “The Great American Music Hall,” WDEV and “Our Place,” Vermont Public Radio*

## 15. What Goes Around Comes Around

(*I Rode The Ti* - 2008)

This song tells the story of leaving home to understand the value and meaning of life in Vermont... and the joy of coming back home.

In June of 1965, Rick bought a one-way ticket (\$237) at the Vermont Transit Travel Agency to London aboard the Empress of England sailing out of Montreal. Armed with guitar, banjo & \$35 cash, he set off on his first of four tours of England between '65 & '74. Under the auspices of London City Agency, he performed all over England, in Holland, Ireland and on BBC Radio. The other American folk singer represented by London City Agency was Paul Simon. Rick was MC of Paul Simon’s “Going Away Party” at Les Cousins, 41 Greek Street in Soho, on February 6th of '66. Rick was a frequent performer at London’s Troubadour, Les Cousins & The Surbiton Assembly Rooms during those years. On the road, thoughts often returned to home.



RICK NORCROSS  
London City Agency Publicity Photo

### A GIFT TO YOU FROM RICK & THE ALL-STAR RAMBLERS

I extended an invitation to all Rick & The All-Star Ramblers Fans, Ramblers & Sponsors Past & Present, Radio Professionals, Music Journalists & Colleagues to select their most beloved Ramblers songs chosen from our past four albums. This album, is my gift to you, our loyal Ramblers Fans, Sponsors & Venues for your longtime friendship and support of our many Vermont concerts and tours. YOU got to program our final album by choosing your favorite songs, which, by the way, are also OUR favorite songs. Thank You from the Bottom of my Heart, What A Ride!

**THE ALL-STAR RAMBLERS:** Rick Norcross - Vocals & Rhythm Guitar • Taryn Noelle - Vocals • Charlie MacFadyen - Piano, Accordion, Lap Steel • Dono Schabner - Lead & Rhythm Guitars • Doug Reid - Fiddle • Dave Rowell - Vocals & Bass • Ian Koeller - Drums

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