

tom dyer  
presents:

# SONGS TO ANNOY SMALL CHILDREN and other family favorites

*Songs To Annoy Small Children* is the latest bit of nonsense from the indefatigable Tom Dyer. This project began life in 1995 without a long-range plan. These were simple, made-up songs to be sung to his long-suffering children. The first was *Bathtub Plug*, an ode to a replacement plug in a claw foot bathtub. There were five songs total. Three were recorded, including the embarrassing *Dyer Family Song*. In December 2016, Dyer decided to complete the song cycle and recorded, in two days, the final two (including the masterpiece *There's A Great Glowing Gasbag In The Sky, It's Called The Sun*) plus a new concluding composition, *They're Old*.

To add depth and muscle to this remarkable and irreverent artifact, two additional works are being presented herein.

First, are the *Pirate Songs* of Cap'n Kat and the SS Mediocrity. Recorded in 2005 at the zenith of the Johnny Depp pirate mania, these songs a) reflect on health issues encountered by knaves on the high seas and b) inventory the means needed for career success. The songs were composed and performed by Kat and Ben Dyer, who have most recently released material as The Dyer Spawn on GMR's 2016 Xmas album.

Second, we have five songs by Susan Dyer, composed for and performed as part of the pantomime *Aladdin & His Magic Lamp* in 2002. This cast recording exists because Tom was on the East Coast and could not attend the play. He retained audio engineers to do a live studio recording of the entire performance. These were Ms. Dyer's first featured compositions; she doubles as a performer in the role of Queen Dragona. Introductions to each section are executed by noted NW improv actor Douglas Willott.

If one were to seek the common ground (other than it's a family affair), these songs are simply fun. Stick your tongue in your cheek and enjoy!

## Useful Information

- This is Tom Dyer's 10<sup>th</sup> album release since 2009, plus a couple singles!
- EPK: <http://presskit.to/tomdyer>  
GMR links: [Tom Dyer's Unpopular Music FaceBook](http://TomDyer'sUnpopularMusicFaceBook), [GreenMonkeyRecords.com](http://GreenMonkeyRecords.com); [youtube.com/GreenMonkeyRecords](http://youtube.com/GreenMonkeyRecords)

## Nice Recent Tom Dyer Press

**History of NW Rock Vol. 1** "the joyous audio equivalent of the best sloppy-drunk sweaty house party you ever crashed." Tony Kay – The Sun Break

"These songs are in the right hands. Dive in." Daggaz-zine

**I Ain't Blue Any More** "Dyer's ... preaching a gravelly sermon like Leonard Cohen high on Captain Beefheart" Dave Lake - Seattle Weekly

**Xmas 30 Years in the Making** "... Dyer's 'No Lou This Xmas'... homage to the late Lou Reed captures all the raw, fierce passion of the best of the Velvet Underground ..." StubbysChristmas.com

**Songs From Academia Vol.2:** I'm thankful that this exists. I'm not sure having a world full of Tom Dyer copycats would be a good one, which is my way of saying he is one of a kind representing what Seattle music is all about, period. - This Is Book's Music

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## Track Listing:

### SONGS TO ANNOY SMALL CHILDREN

1. Introduction
  2. Bathtub Plug
  3. There's A Great Glowing Gasbag In The Sky, It's Called The Sun
  4. She's Pullin' The Head Off The Dog
  5. Old Tom McGurk
  6. The Dyer Family Song
  7. They're Old
- ### CAP'N KAT & THE SS MEDIOCRITY
8. Introduction
  9. Scurvy
  10. Rum & Grog
- ### SONGS FROM ALADDIN
11. Introduction
  12. The Play Begins
  13. It's Coming Too Slow (opening)
  14. Dragona
  15. Horns Of A Dilemma
  16. Abanazaar
  17. It's Coming Too Slow (closing)
  18. A Final Word

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