## **Mp3 Kingpins - Strange Life**

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Award-winning E.P. filled with mellow, thoughtful, acoustic-based folk/pop reminiscent of Counting Crows' "August and Everything After" or David Gray's "White Ladder. Recorded on 2-inch tape. 6 MP3 Songs in this album (26:41)! Related styles: FOLK: Folk-Rock, COUNTRY: Americana People who are interested in Counting Crows Sarah McLachlan David Gray should consider this download. Details: This 1997 E.P. was the first recording project by lifelong singer/songwriter Chuck Nash. After having written hundreds of songs and played in clubs around Northeast Florida since he was in his teens, Nash met drummer/producer Rob Piazza from New York. Piazza gave Nash the support and guidance to go into the studio for the first time. The two teamed up with producer and multi-instrumentalist Ray Sabatello, also from New York, to hone the songs and record most of the tracks during a 4-day stint in a Long Island recording studio. Nash and Piazza then flew back with the tracks to finish up overdubs and mixing at Jim Devito's Lost Resort studios in St. Augustine, FL. The leadoff song and album title track "Strange Life" got substantial airplay on college and even on several commercial radio stations around Northeast Florida and the Southeast. It was added to 10 compilation CD's, and helped the duo win Musician Magazine's Best Unsigned Band Competition in 1998, along with the other song submitted to the contest from the CD, "12 Monkeys". The final round of the competition was judged by Ani DiFranco, Aerosmith's Joe Perry, Keb Mo, Moby, and others. The CD certainly stood out from the pack during a time when rap-rock and Creed were flooding the airwaves. The mellow, introspective acoustic songs were a stark contrast to the music that was popular at the time, and the CD would become a cult favorite to thousands around the Southeast. Nash and Piazza would later release a follow-up full-length Kingpins CD entitled "Kings and Things", recorded with bassist Barry Dunaway, of Yngwie Malmsteen and Survivor fame.

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