

Mp3 Doug Baker - On Maui

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NASA Flight Engineer, Doug Baker, writes and sings beautiful love songs about the lovely Hawaiian Islands. 13 MP3 Songs EASY LISTENING: Crooners/Vocals, COUNTRY: Modern Country Details: Doug Baker may not be the first Californian to fall in love with Hawaii. But we can't think of anyone who expresses that love better than this singer-songwriter who has flown in and out of Honolulu so many times over the past four decades. And no other songwriter has spent as many hours in the night skies over the Islands he loves so well. Doug is a flight engineer who came and went in the 70s and 80s while flying for Transamerica Airlines, that also took him all over the world. He fell in love with Hawaii on his first visit way back in 1964 while there with the Navy, and soon thereafter, wrote his first song about this love. He also spent about 20 years flying for NASA until a recent retirement . However, he is called in as a consultant to fly special high profile missions. He wrote his first song about the Islands in 1974, and his most recent one in 2006, while he was in Honolulu recording this CD. By 1979, he decided that he wanted to record an album of his Hawaiian songs. He selected 13 of his favorites and it was to be called "Baker's Dozen." He went into a local studio and laid down the vocal and guitar tracks. But there were many interruptions and it was not until 2005 that he finally resurrected the idea. By then, he had written several hundred songs, recorded and released two LPs -- "Around The World" and "Feast or Famine" -- on the Mainland, and had more than two dozen Hawaiian songs to choose from. So, it was back into the studio, with some old and some new Baker songs about Hawaii and, with help from some of Hawaii's best studio musicians -- ukulele virtuoso Bryan Tolentino, slack-key guitar master George Kuo, flutist Brad White, and Pierre Grill, master of the keyboards and so much more -- his dream came true. The end result is a Hawaiian music CD that is all about LOVE. Yes, Doug is in love with Hawaii and his songs tell you why. In fact, the word love has found its way prominently into the lyrics of almost every one of his songs, from Lovely But Lonely to L.O.V.E. is Hawaii. Listen, and you can almost see the Island chain as he saw it when he was inspired to write His Golden Stepping Stones. He was in a NASA C-141 at 41,000 feet and he could see all of the islands stretched out before him, like "stepping stones to heaven." It is not surprising that this prolific composer who has spent most of his adult life in the cockpits of jet aircraft also

included God and heaven in many of his songs. He's spent a lot of time up there, closer to his maker. He calls Hawaii The Worlds Most Precious Treasure and he has written songs about the Big Island, Maui, Molokai, Kauai, and Oahu, Where Love is Everywhere. You can hear the Irish brogue (he was born in South Boston) when he sings Ill Be Waitin in Waikiki, a song that could quickly take its place alongside such popular hapa-haole ethnic tunes as Lola OBrien, the Irish Hawaiian, and The Hawaiian Scotsman. Brad White added the Irish whistle. Baker wrote some of the songs in such far away places as Africa or the Middle East, when he was fantasizing about where he wanted to be. That helped me get through some undesirable adventures, said the prolific composer. Although, many of his songs were written when he was homesick for the Islands, some, like Mr. Ukulele, were inspired and written on the spot, here in Hawaii nei. He had just listened to ukulele virtuoso Eddie Kamae and the Sons of Hawaii at a luau in Nanakuli and was moved by Kamaes picking. Doug said he was so impressed with Eddies style and he knew that it could go beyond Hawaii and Hawaiian music. He sat quietly in the back seat writing lyrics and a melody, and by the time we reached Waikiki, it was done. Baker has sung these hapa-haole songs about Hawaii in performances all over the world, and in 1991, when Hawaii Governor John Waihee heard Bakers songs about our Island home, he wrote to the composer: You are among a growing group that treasures Hawaii as home; your songs and guitar music tell the ever-changing atmosphere of the Islands and communicate the caring aloha spirit to all who visit. Retired from full time duties from NASA, Doug still gets involved flying part time as a consultant. This globe-hopping troubadour is still on cloud nine. And "On Maui" will be released this month on the DOUREI PRODUCTIONS label for all to enjoy. On this third Baker album are songs that could, correction "should," be used to promote Hawaii. He sells it so well. You can bet it will be looked at and listened to by those in the tourism industry and groups promoting each individual Island to the State, and the four Mayors and their promotions staffs. Check out Doug Baker's beautiful lyrics at bakerssongs.com

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