

# Mp3 Marc Atkinson - This Is Where We Are

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Acoustic singer/songwriter from York, England. Strong vocals, soaring harmonies, thoughtful lyrics, uplifting production, competent musicianship, all mixed together with songs from the heart and soul 14 MP3 Songs ROCK: Acoustic, EASY LISTENING: Soft Rock Details: Marc has been singing since the age of 13. His first band, XPRESSIONS, was formed in 1984 and played throughout the UK supporting such acts as the LITTLE ANGELS. With a name change to FRONTIER in 1989 the band released their debut album, NO MANS LAND, on a local label. After the band split in 1991 Marc went solo and began developing his song writing and guitar playing. In 1993 Marc took the club circuit, playing as a self-contained act with the aid of backing tracks and his acoustic guitar. Also in 1993 he built his own recording studio, THE BARN, which he still runs as a part time business. As well as continuing his solo career, Marc put together a new band, THE COMPANY, in 1995. The band went on to support such names as THE KINKS, THE STRAWBS and TANITA TIKARAM before splitting the end of 1996. During this time Marc won the East Coast regional final of the 1995 SEARCH FOR A STAR competition and came second in the NORTH YORKSHIRE STAR TRAIL in the same year. In 1996 he won the BBC RADIO YORK DOCTOR ROCK SONGWRITING COMPETITION with his song THE CLOSEST THING. At the beginning of 1997 Marc formed a new band, GABRIEL, who played both as a six-piece outfit as well as a two man acoustic based act. Among the many gigs they performed was a well-received support to JIMMY NAIL. In 1999, after the original line up of GABRIEL disbanded, Marc joined forces once more with Andy Seddon and Rob Swann, two band mates from his FRONTIER days, to create a new version of GABRIEL. The band went on to record their debut album, ASCENSION, in 2000, UNPLUGGED in 2001, THE FEEL EP and DEMOLOGY 1 in 2002, DEMOLOGY 2 in 2003 and THE DEMOLOGY COLLECTION in 2004. Supports performed during this time include JOOLS HOLLAND, PAUL CARRACK, GLEN TILBROOK, PAUL BRADY, NICK HARPER, MOSTLY AUTUMN, CARAVAN, DAMIEN WILSON, ROD ARGENT and COLIN BLUNSTONE. As well as concerts with GABRIEL, Marc continues to play solo acoustic gigs as well as acoustic gigs with his sister Janine. With Janine he released an acoustic covers album, SKETCH, in January 2004. Marc released his first solo album, SEASONS OF MY LIFE, in August

2004 and gigged heavily to promote it. Throughout 2005 he worked on tunes for a forthcoming GABRIEL album whilst also collecting tunes for his 2nd solo album. He began recording work for his new 14 track album, THIS IS WHERE WE ARE in March 2006 and the CD was released on 17th August August 2006

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