

# PLAINFOLK PAST DUE

A collection of original folk songs of local landmarks, events and people.

Worcester, MA

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## PAST DUE Released

*It has taken us awhile to put this recording together. We know it is past due. But the themes and stories presented here tended to reveal themselves slowly, in their own time and at their own pace. They are so much older and larger than we and will be here long after we are gone. And it is beyond hubris to think we can somehow distill life changing events into four verses and a chorus but we do it anyway. Still, in doing so, in some small way we give the Past its Due.*

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### 1) Blackstone Valley

A song to celebrate the rich history, tradition and now the renaissance of the Valley that gave birth to the American Industrial Revolution.



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### 2) Skinner Mountain

Located in the Hadley, MA area its official name is Mt. Holyoke but the locals have always called it Skinner Mountain, after John Skinner, the man who owned it. He gave it to the Commonwealth of MA in 1940.

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### 3) Last Waltz at Enfield

On April 27, 1938 a grand ball was held at the Enfield, MA Town Hall to mark the passing of the four

western MA towns taken to create the Quabbin Reservoir.



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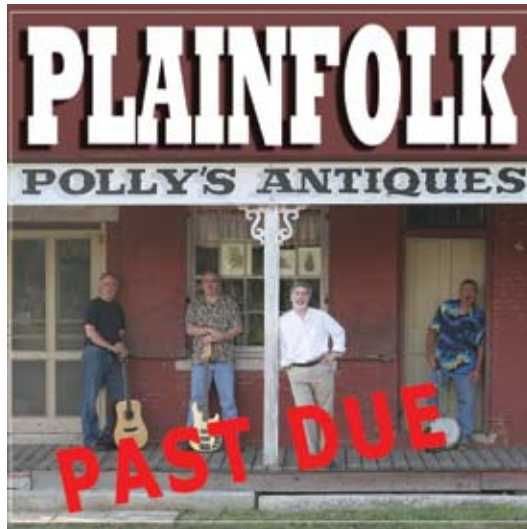
### 4) Perfect Storm

It is what Gloucester sailors have feared for hundreds of years.



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Worcester, MA - the year was 1978. Jimmy Carter was president. Disco was king. Elvis had only recently left the building. Folk music was in retreat. Undaunted, three Worcester friends with a passion for folk music, Charlie Ball, Dennis Costello and Barry Sullivan, became Plain Folk. They cut their musical teeth at the local Irish pubs with two guitars and rich three-part harmony,



### 7) Old Stone Walls

An enduring part of the New England landscape and the New England legacy.

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### 8) They Sailed

A song for the intrepid explorers from every age.



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### 5) Union Station

This Worcester, MA landmark served as the city's transportation hub for generations. Today it serves as inspiration.



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### 6) Halifax Down

In December 1917 a munitions ship exploded in Halifax harbor, leveling the city. The first response to the plea for help came from Massachusetts. Each year Nova Scotia sends to Boston, MA a special Christmas tree in continued thanks and remembrance for that help.

### 9) Keepers of Your Flame

There are many anti-war songs and many that glorify conflict but none that say a simple "thanks" to those soldiers who sacrifice for the cause at hand.

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### 10) Spirit

An anthem for the indomitable spirit and history of our country.

