**Mississippi Sunset**

*Hotel room ditties regarding my employment situation*

*C2017 HelpYourselfMusic.com*

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1. **Lost Way – c2017 Helpyourselfmusic.com**

* For the first 3 months of 2017 I felt like I was living in the Hampton Inn in Olive Branch, MS. Most of these songs were written in that hotel over the last year and many of them were recorded there. I concluded that the only explanation for living in Olive Branch was that I had somehow lost my way.

1. **The Man I Was Pretending To Be – c2009 Helpyourselfmusic.net**

* I wrote this in 2009 when I feared that I was somehow losing myself in my work. 8 years and two vice-presidencies later; I’m pretty sure I was right about this.

1. **Driving Blind – c2016 Helpyourselfmusic.com**

* Throughout my 27 year career I’ve always been somewhat afraid that eventually the rest of the world would figure out that I have no idea what I’m doing. That said, I have yet to run the company off the road and into a ditch.

1. **I Could Love You All The Time – c2017 Helpyourselfmusic.com**

* Somebody at Applebee’s in Olive Branch asked me one night whether or night I liked my job considering how much time I spend on the road. “…if it weren’t always on my mind, and if it didn’t drive me crazy; yes, I guess I love it.”

1. **Honey You Are All Right – c2017 Helpyourselfmusic.com**

* I was lined up for boarding one of my flights from Baltimore to Memphis and a six year old girl was yelling at her 7 year old brother, “Whatever I say is what’s right! That’s how it works!” I turned to the woman standing next to me and said, “Well, she’s learned that at a rather young age.” The woman replied, “Yup, now if he could just learn to say ‘Yes dear’.”

1. **Basal Cell – c2017 Helpyourselfmusic.com**

* A somewhat bitter love song about my little run in with Basal cell skin cancer and Mohs surgery. I never realized how vain I was until someone cut a hole in my face and the corner of my lip.

1. **Desert Wind – c2017 Helpyourselfmusic.com**

* Written at Applebee’s during a “dry eye episode” during which I couldn’t stop my left eye from itching, burning, and watering. Finished later that night in the hotel room.

1. **Locked Doors – c2017 Helpyourselfmusic.com**

* When one faces mind boggling challenges, hideously unfair criticism and unsettling completely fair criticism on a daily basis; eventually one’s skin gets so thick that nothing gets in; unfortunately that seems to include the warm happy feelings that sneak in when one allows oneself to be vulnerable.

1. **Trumped Up Charges – c2017 Helpyourselfmusic.com**

* This song scared the crap out of my wife. No, I didn’t vote for him, but this song is for the 20% who did but now seem to be displeased with the job he is doing. (based on his 30% approval rating)

1. **Starting Slow – c2016 Helpyourselfmusic.com**

* I wrote this one year into my time as VP of operations. I don’t know what it means except that no matter what happens; get back on your feet and start moving again.

1. **Reprise - Pokey McSlow - c2016 Helpyourselfmusic.com**

* This song was inadvertently left off last year’s Pokey McSlow CD. I wrote it near the end of the “process” and then completely forgot about it until I was searching my notebooks for songs for this year’s CD.

1. **Big Ass Moon – c2016 Helpyourselfmusic.com**

* For my wife Diane who is a big ass moon fan. Add this to my many moon songs from the past such as, “Shine On Silver Moon” – 1979, “Moondance III” – 1982, “Only Sometimes I Sit Staring At The Moon” – 1982, “Molly’s Moon” – 1997, and “Ribbons of Moonlight” - 2012
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Lots of love, keep hoping for peace on earth.

John