



MYSTERY ROAD 2024



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MYSTERY ROAD. Dedicated to Hank Marvin. When I was 15 years old I was playing drums in a school band. That year, 1965, I heard Hank Marvin's guitar sound for the first time. He was playing lead guitar in The Shadows and the song was "Theme For Young Lovers." I was absolutely intrigued by the sound of this recording and the orchestrations behind the song were just stunning. Most of all his Stratocaster guitar and the sound produced was mind-blowing! At that instant my life changed. I saved up and bought my first guitar, an Echo six string acoustic with a very high action. ..My Dad went guarantor on hire purchase and my first electric guitar followed, a Maton Cherry Red semi-acoustic guitar and a Fender Super Reverb amp. The rest is history. Thirty years later in 1995, I met Hank Marvin himself here in Perth when he was invited to the premiere of my rock and roll musical Cruisin', We chatted afterwards and caught up again in 2007 at the Regal Theatre in Perth where Glenn Shorrock of Little River Band fame was playing the lead role. Subsequently last year, 2023, Hank and I caught up at the Perth Shadows Club Gala Night and chatted about the show and how much he enjoyed it. So, this inspired me to compose this tune "Mystery Road" dedicated to Hank. The rationale of Mystery Road is this:

" life is one big journey... you accept what you're destined to do or become. You take the good and the not -so-good on this journey along that mystery road. The mystery of life is a phenomenon I can't explain so the tune helps you focus on what that might be. ..."

I am performing all of the instruments on the track and the French horns are courtesy of East West Symphonic orchestra recorded on Logic Pro X. The instruments are Fender Stratocaster, Gibson Les Paul Recording bass, Tanglewood semi acoustic guitar, Roland SD-88 Digital Piano and Roland V Drums MDS-Compact kit.

Enjoy!

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