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**Tell Your Mother
And Friends About
Bill McGarvey!**
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BILL MCGARVEY - *"Tell Your Mother"*
(Thievery Records) www.billmcgarvey.com

I haven't heard anything so original, yet so good, in such a long time! If you think that Bruce Springsteen may be the only decent slice of pie to come out of New Jersey, think again, friend. Bill McGarvey is a masterful singer-songwriter and 'Tell Your Mother' is on track to be the year's best album overall! A voice similar to Don McLean and, his music, well, how do you categorize it? Lots of jangling pop sounds ("You Do It All Yourself"), folkish-feels ("Hang On") and other assorted genres, it's a return to days when music was fun, comfortable and you wanted to know the lyrics so that you could sing along! It's like opening up a time capsule, and finding that long-gone treasured item that you almost never knew to exist. And yes, his wryly-written and catchy lines grab hold and then you find yourself deep into self-examination such as the case in '5 O'Clock Hero'; "I come home early / Little man, little feet / First-time winner, fifth grade spelling bee / Mom's in the kitchen, she's defrosting meat / Dad's in his corner living room seat / Mom says "OK, spell failure for me" / "No, no instead let me show you what it means" Ouch! It hurts, but the melody and music helps numb the pain, thanks to the help of his band The Good Thieves.

What helps a masterpiece like 'Tell Your Mother' to reach the radio airplay that it rightfully deserves is by spreading the word. So, hey, climb the highest mountain, tell your friends, call your favorite radio stations, and more importantly ... buy the album! Order 'Tell Your Mother' online at www.billmcgarvey.com