

## ISRAEL PROULX

Mr. Frantic

Wild Records no cat. no.

Le Rock n Roll Dans Le Lit / Le Train Qui Siffle / All By Myself / Mon Bebe Sait Comment / Sept Soirs Sur Le Rock / Come On Baby / Ne M'laisse Pas / Saguenay Boogie / Reviens Dans Mes Bras / Honky Tonk Song / Je Surveille Ton Retour / Judy  
(Playing time: 28:49)

This guy is brilliant. Jerry Lee Lewis fans are in for a treat. Videos on the internet show that he has all the familiar mannerisms. Playing with a bass, guitar and drums trio, these 2013 recordings will gladden the heart and raise the spirits of anyone who loves boogie woogie rock n roll.

Israel is a French-Canadian and so most of the tracks are in French but no one will have any difficulty in recognising 'Seven Days To Rock', 'Break Up' and 'I'll Sail My Ship Alone' among the favourites that include 'All By Myself', 'Honky Tonk Song' and 'Judy' in English. Other compositions are Israel's own, including 'Saguenay Boogie', a boogie-woogie solo taking its name from the holiday resort of Quebec state.



Though the lyrics and styling are very much Jerry Lee, like all the best who have been so inspired, Israel's individuality shows through with a Gallic lightness of touch and boulevard free spirit to his singing and piano playing. I could listen to this all day - and probably will.

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