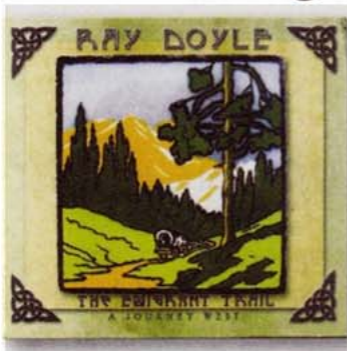


The Emigrant Trail



MANY TRADITIONAL COWBOY SONGS have roots in Irish folk music. Ray Doyle offers a reminder of this fact in his second solo CD, titled *The Emigrant*

Trail. It is a celebration of Doyle's Irish heritage, Western influences and memories of his childhood experiences emigrating from Ireland to Canada and then to California.

The lyrics in the title track could be mistaken for those written more than a century ago, but are actually telling of Doyle's personal experiences:

*Who will be sacrificed? Who will be saved?
Who is foolhardy and who are the brave?
Many may perish, but some will prevail.
There's hope at the end of the Emigrant Trail.*

A mix of traditional and contemporary music, arranged with strong Celtic influences, the CD contains 11 songs, including "The Jewel," which won the Western Folklife Center's Yellowstone and Tetons Song Contest in 2007 and was included on the WFC's Deep West release, *Songs of Yellowstone and the Tetons*. Especially beautiful is Doyle's Celtic arrangement for "The Vaquero Song," written by fellow cowboy crooner Dave Stamey. The blending of Spanish and Irish flavor create a musical treat.

Now living in Costa Mesa, California, Doyle is best known as a member of Wylie & the Wild West, but as a soloist he stands out as an Irish troubadour and folk musician rooted in the cowboy culture of the West.

The album can be purchased online at cdbaby.com/cd/raydoyle for \$12.97, or you can download it for \$9.99. For more information on Doyle, visit raydoyle.net.

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