

Starlight on the Rails

A Songbook

Utah Phillips

Starlight on the Rails is the most complete collection of Utah Phillips's songs ever released. Spanning 30 years of studio, live, and unreleased recordings from "The Golden Voice of the Great Southwest," this definitive set includes Utah's personal reflections about each song. It also includes renditions of Utah's songs by Kate Wolf, Rosalie Sorrels, and many others. Almost 5 hours on 4 CDs with a full-color 12-page booklet included. A must-have for any music collection.

ABOUT THE PERFORMER

Utah Phillips (1935–2008) was a labor organizer, folk singer, storyteller, poet and the "Golden Voice of the Great Southwest." He described the struggles of labor unions and the power of direct action, self-identifying as an anarchist. He often promoted the Industrial Workers of the World in his music, actions, and words.

ACCOLADES

"For anyone who's a fan of Utah's work, this is a must-have purchase."

—Chris Nickson, Allmusic.com

"Utah Phillips has come out with the defining work of his career. *Starlight on the Rails* is a four-CD collection with a personal introduction by Utah to each track. It's a musical documentary of his life experiences spanning decades, more rich than any American history textbook. I can't imagine any folk fan not having this in their collection. Period."

—Angela Page, *Sing Out!*

"Arguably the most important folk star to emerge after the '60s revival, Phillips creates a 4 CD epic of music and story, recounting his life through his best songs. Intimate, droll, and fiercely felt, it is equal parts cultural history and musical memoir."

—Scott Alarik, *Boston Globe*

"Utah brings a message of defiance, disobedience, and solidarity . . . (and) reminds us of a history that we were not taught in schools and colleges. They tell us of people who, like us, seemed to be powerless before the might of corporations, but who struggled and fought back, and changed their lives."

—Howard Zinn, author of *A People's History of the United States*

"Utah Phillips is surely one of the nation's most unforgettable characters, as will be attested to by people all over the U.S. who have heard him, guitar in hand, hold forth on the ways of the world. What a joy now to have his *Songbook* available. You will be going through it again and again."

—Pete Seeger



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