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## ALT. FOLK, BLUE-COLLAR, SINGER/SONGWRITER RIVER THROUGH THE SUN BY PHILIP RODRIGUEZ

*[River Through the Sun's] ten, mostly acoustic tracks are a sometimes extraordinary testament to a pretty ordinary life...a spare intimate portrait of a middle-aged man coming to terms with all that's good, bad and indifferent about being human."*

**Houston Press**

*[Rodriguez] comes from the minimalist school of singer/songwriters...drawing on personal experience and the raw edge of failed expectations to create an empathetic vide with listeners."*

**Houston.sidewalk.com**

*"Intelligent words and lots of heart..."*

**Country Eastern West**

*...his tales of blue-collar suburbia and Houston's eastside refineries offer hints at a long-suppressed potential. Check him out now, and if it ever comes to that, you can say you saw him back when."*

**Inside Houston**

*...the Houston-born singer-songwriter is refreshingly honest, grounded and passionate about his music...his candid heartfelt music reflects his humble, no-nonsense upbringing in industrial southeast Houston."*

**Houston City News**

Philip Rodriguez writes and performs in a minimalist, old-school, retro-folk music style reminiscent of his three major influences: Leonard Cohen, Townes Van Zandt and his older brother, David Rodriguez.

His very personal approach to songwriting is derived from his experience of working in the oil refineries and living in the blue-collar suburbia of southeast Houston, Texas.

His parallel music career actually began while still a teenager performing in the late 1970s at the Old Quarter, Houston's renowned singer/songwriter venue. What appeared to be a promising career had to be postponed due to marriage, then a family and fifteen years in the petrochemical business.

Then in 1994, after experiencing a failed marriage and a corporate lay-off, Philip Rodriguez decided to pick up where he left off fifteen year prior and pursue what he felt compelled to do the second time around.

Philip Rodriguez currently resides and performs in the San Jose, California area.

To purchase a copy of *River Through The Sun* by Philip Rodriguez, please visit: [www.texasmusicroundup.com](http://www.texasmusicroundup.com)

Selections from *River Through The Sun* by Philip Rodriguez can also be viewed at: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

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Engineered by Karl Caillouet  
Special guest performance by Carrie Luz Rodriguez

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