

# **BLACK WATER BLUES**

“There’s a sense of home in this album’s sound. By that, I mean it’s intimate and real. The music takes you on a journey into Nick’s life and mind and you leave the experience feeling touched by the subtleties and mood created. Although the album, genre-wise, borders on country / blues - and I’m not normally a country music fan - the authenticity of his approach creates a sound that is wholly his own. With Nick Barker, there is no ‘front’, no walls erected. There are few other musicians who can entice me to listen to country-sounding music - Johnny Cash is one - but I believe that when a musician sings the blues, and really considers his or her lyrical content when doing so, it creates a ripple effect of raw emotion in the listener. Combine this with infectious, toe-tapping guitar riffs which promise great live renditions and this album is a winner.”

Amanda Schneider,

**Red Dwarf**