

## **Fish Records**

### Review of Two Sets

If forced to choose a favorite singer/songwriter from the thousands of artists we carry, Chuck Brodsky would come out at the top of a very select pile. He writes with compassion, wit and a genuine understanding of people; there are few writers who move me to tears with songs, but Brodsky has one that gets me every time, and at least two others that can often catch me unawares!

This 2 disc live set gives the songs even more impact as he places them in context with introductions that add even more weight to the stories, and the presentation of the songs with Chuck on acoustic guitar and Don Porterfield on bass focuses the listener's attention on the fantastic lyrics.

Chuck not only writes songs with genuine heart, he also has a fantastic line in light-hearted songs, the new song 'Armitage Shanks' is the ultimate song to end a first set, and 'Talk to my Lawyer' one of a number of his songs that take a sideways swipe at modern society. For all the humour and sharpness in these songs, it's the more serious pieces that steal the show, another new song 'Lili's Braids' is genuinely heartbreaking; 'Radio' remains a powerful song even after 10 years of repeated listening, and 'The Man Who Blew Kisses' has a wonderful, uplifting story to tell. These are just five of the twenty-five songs on this two disc set, and together they represent a fantastic record of some of Chuck's finest songs.

Those who already know Chuck will need no further invitation, but if you don't know his work I urge you investigate this album – he genuinely is one of the very best, and this (and all his studio albums) come with the highest recommendation!

(The one that gets me every time? 'Letters in the Dirt')

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