

Music Review

TITLE: Angryfish, Eight Men Called No, and Barbed Wire and Pot-Holes,
(Available from www.angryfish.co.uk).

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Robin Surgeoner, aka, the Angryfish, is an English activist who likes to rock'n'roll. His short play CD, Eight Men Called No and the full-length Barbed Wire and Pot-Holes, are meant to be played loud. Barbed is also the story of a man's awakening from being a person with a disability to being a member of an oppressed group and learning what he can do to change the world for the better. It's the first complete story CD I'm aware of by a person with a disability about the disability experience. Lyrics from one song, "Free Our People," are included below. Check it out.

There are people - everywhere
Living their lives without a care
There are people everywhere - everywhere
Living their lives without a choice

CHORUS

I hear you asking - if this is really true
Surely we all have the right to do what we want to do
Please don't be surprised - how could you realize
It's sometimes hard to see the truth before your eyes

Basement Billy ain't got a view

His rooms got windows, but he ain't got a clue -
That the drugs they claim are helping - helping him to survive
Have really shut his mind down and are killing him alive

CHORUS

Freaky Freddy's got his hands inside his pants
Do you think he chose this and composed his scary rants
Or the scarring down his cheeks from endless acid tears
Or could it be that he has been locked away for countless endless tears

They might have been beaten - if lucky only raped
If you're here celebrate cause you've escaped
You have the power to destroy their ivory steeples
You have the power to join in and FREE OUR PEOPLE