



Jeff White *The Broken Road*

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Somewhere between reverence and mastery lies **Jeff White's** fine bluegrass album *The Broken Road*. The cracks and pops of old 78s have almost become part of the musical landscape of recorded bluegrass, so it's nearly shocking to hear such old-fashioned prowess under modern recording conditions. Highlights include a stunning take on Bill Monroe's "Stay Away From Me," featuring Pete Wernick's charming banjo licks; the title track, featuring a haunting vocal part by **Vince Gill** and **Jerry Douglas's** blazing dobro; the heart-rending "Cliffs by the Sea," featuring Allison Krauss on harmony vocals; and the contemporary sounding and drop-dead gorgeous "Cheater's Heart." This is not an album intimidated by the weight of tradition, but rather a project that, through a fusion of old and contemporary visions, builds upon and even enlivens that tradition.

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