

ETHAN HUGHES

Searching For A Home

Patuxent Music

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Featuring liner notes from David Bromberg and a guest appearance by Norman Wright, Ethan Hughes's first solo outing showcases his Dobro and vocal talent. More than that, the collection shows great variety in style and tune



selection while staying firmly rooted in bluegrass. Each bandmember gets to shine, even the bass player, who pounds out his solo on *Panhandle Rag*. The title song, one of two written by Hughes, opens the set with a mournful Weissenborn Hawaiian guitar. *Old Swinging Bridge* is the driving song you'd expect, with Dad Wally Hughes rounding out the tasteful trio harmony singing. Ethan may be in his early twenties, but he is already conjuring new licks and solos, especially in the traditional *Never Let Your Deal Go Down*. Emotions really come through the vocals in the old folk song *Stay Away From Me*. Can't wait to hear more from this guy!. **BMP**