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## What A Man's Got To Do

By Brenn Hill; Red Cliffs Press; Brentwood, TN, 15 songs, compact disk.

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Songwriter/singer/musician Brenn Hill has been among the brightest names in Western music for the past several years, and this latest effort looks to be his best ever. The opening song, "Meet Me In McCall," sets the tone – confident, wide-ranging, strong on production values and considerably more polished than the fare one gets from many Western independent labels. "Caffeine" is a high-energy, bluesy tune devoted to the subject of java and getting down the highway. "Oakbrush" is one of the best songs on the album, a bluegrassy number with compelling, amusing lyrics. What you have to like about Brenn Hill is his honesty and his devotion to the West. He is skilled as a lyricist as well as a composer, and it is surprising that more of his songs are not being covered by other artists, but that likely will change.

-Jesse Mullins, Jr.