

It started many years ago
With a rumblin' in the ground
We vilified the welfare queen and passed the word around
Said rich folks shouldn't foot the bill
For poor ones simply lack the will
To overcome the deuces in their hand

We are Citizens of the American Fairy Tale
Twisted minds with so many ships to sail
Offer up our thoughts and prayers
As if that's ever gone somewhere
Baby that's just how the feathers fly when everything's for sale

The eighties taught us greed was good
Money rose without a sound
Now I'm not sure we have the years to turn this trip around
So now fervently we hope and pray
For God to come and save the day
C'mon Jesus, make your way back down

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Tossing out our thoughts and prayers
As if that's ever gone somewhere
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Yeah that's just how the feathers fly when everything's for sale

For all this worthless crap you sell
I hope you find a place in hell
In the corner that you painted with your wealth
Nestled snugly in your church
Sing those pretty songs, you jerks
Fill your cup and drink one to your health

You Citizens of the American Fairy Tale
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Tossing out those thoughts and prayers
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WIDGET STUDIOS

In May of 2026 I played a set at the Grange and decided to debut a song I'd just finished. It began as a poem that slowly morphed and grew on my laptop. "Citizens" just felt really good and after some positive feedback from the folks who heard it, I set out to record my tune. After talking to a few local people (I hadn't recorded in a studio since 1997) I realized I should reach out to Dave Young and see if he had any recommendations in Philly. Dave owns Widget Studios and had done live projects for me in 2019 and 2024 at the Kelly Center in Havertown. We recently collaborated in 2025 on remastering old, limited release songs of mine from the early digital days. Widget Studios had relocated to Denver, Colorado late in 2020. As I read Dave's email outloud "Man, I wish there was a way to convince you come out here to record", my wife (standing behind me) said "I'd love to go to Denver, that's on my bucket list". And thus began our "Destination Adventure" to Denver. We chose some dates in September and we were off and planning. Here's a photo journey from our trip. Our son, Michael flew out from Kansas City to meet us. On Friday, I recorded a song at Widget while those two went to the Denver Zoo. Saturday we went to Red Rocks and then to Idaho Springs via Evergreen Colorado. Our hotel was 5 minutes from the studio, 15 minutes from downtown Denver and 40 minutes from Red Rocks. Here below is your first glimpse of Dave the Producer.



"Two Lazy Dogs" is a new Pub in Down-town that we found on Thursday night.

What you see in the picture to the right is the Thursday night "Dog Bowl Special" bowls. Drink from a dog bowl to get a free beer. LOL



Itinerary (as it played out)

Thursday: Arrive, Two Lazy Dogs

Friday: Record at Widget, Zoo

Saturday: Red Rocks, Idaho City

Sunday: Back to Philly



The Journey

Dave put together the band for me. Mind you, I'd already had several solid experiences with "Dave the Producer" but this time it involved both "Dave the Producer" and "Doghouse Dave the Bass Player".
He recruited the other two players, Doug Krause on piano and Ryan Elwood on drums. Dave played the bass and engineered at the same time.



While I have recorded live with a band in the studio before, this is the first time I recorded with a band of folks that I'd never played with. They'd only heard a solo demo recorded on my iPhone. It was an awesome experience, getting their input and feedback that essentially molded this song.





Wendy and Michael dropped me off at the studio and went off to check out downtown Denver. It was only 15 minutes away and they saw Union Station and went to the Zoo.
We haven't seen elephants since 2009 in Philly!

I was done by late afternoon but on the next page, we'll take a look at what was going on at Widget Studios.

Friday night Mike caught up with a UNC friend for dinner and Wendy and I found a really nice italian restaurant called Cattivella.

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Doug Krause





Ryan Elwood

More on these guys in a bit but this is what I saw from my stool. There was just a cool vibe!
And I hope you enjoy the vacation photos sprinkled in on the “Destination Recording Trip”

Dave Young Producer

Dave is a multi-instrumental musician and record producer known and appreciated mostly for his tasteful bass playing and musical approach to sound engineering. Born and raised in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in Western Pennsylvania, music and stories have defined his life journey. Since 2004, he has owned and operated Widget Studios as a way to support artists and songwriters, helping them tell their stories through song.

https://www.widgetstudios.com





Red Rocks
You can get there in 40 minutes from Downtown Denver and we did it in the morning. Didn't catch a show but wandered around. There were yoga classes going on and a road crew setting up the stage for that nights show.

Bucket list checked







Doug Krause

Doug Krause has been a professional musician and composer for several decades now. His characteristic writing and performing style comes from years spent moving between the pop/rock, blues, jazz, and country genres. In 2019, Doug was inducted into the Kansas Music Hall of Fame, and he was honored in 2024 with an induction into the Colorado Country Music Hall of Fame. Doug's influences include Dr. John, The Band, Little Feat, Bruce Hornsby, and Leon Russell and the great NOLA piano tradition.

https://www.dirtyshoesband.com





Ryan Elwood

Ryan Elwood is a drummer and drum instructor, based in Denver, Colorado. He performs and records with several artists and bands, including Eric Golden and Jenny Shawhan.

https://ryanelwood.com

Idaho Springs
Downtown
This is a great place to stop and have lunch.
Went there on a Saturday and found a lot going on.
Then it's back up over the hill for more pictures.



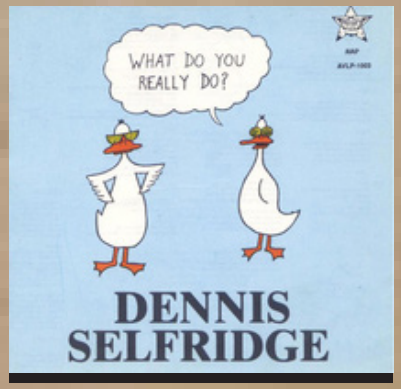


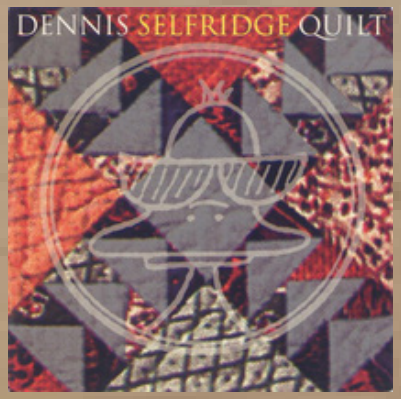


Dennis Selfridge is a Philadelphia Area singer/songwriter who spent 1985 through 1999 kicking around between the Main Line and the Jersey Shore, writing and recording a slew of songs, opening for a handful of big-name acts and leaving a trail of memories through countless bars, clubs, festivals and colleges. There are more live recordings and older remastered material available on your favorite streaming service. (See Discography)

"Citizens" is the first studio recording done in the 21st Century. Thanks to Dave Young, Doug Krause and Ryan Elwood for their artistic contributions to this song. This was a terrific experience and I hope to be the first 66 year old one hit wonder in the history of the Music Industry!
If not, hey, I had a blast anyway!



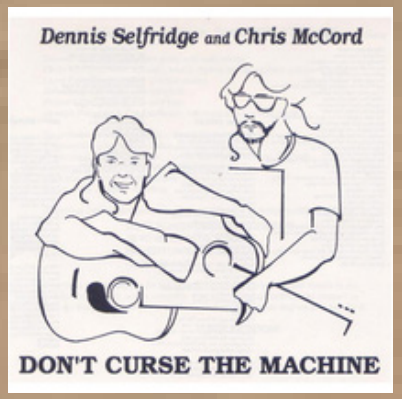


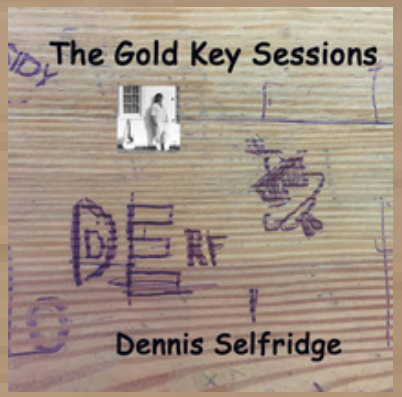




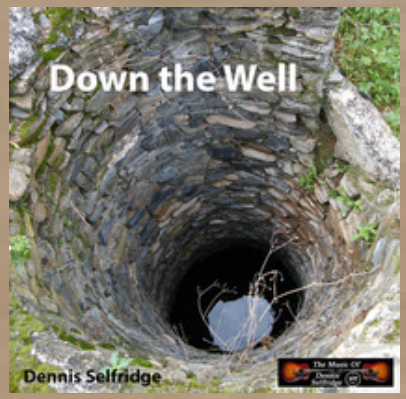
You can find all of these recordings on your favorite streaming app. Just ask "Alexa" or "Google" for

"Dennis Selfridge" and see what happens.

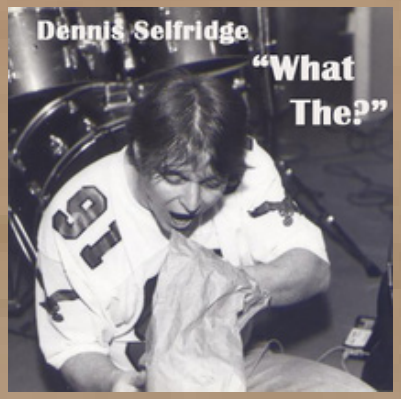














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