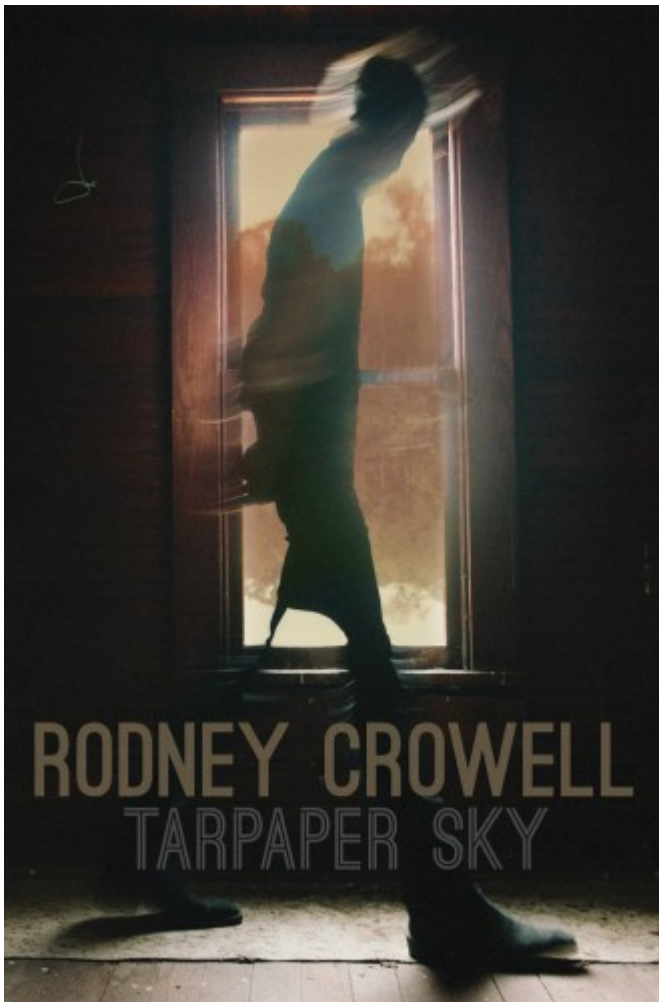


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In Review



Tarpaper Sky

Rodney Crowell
New West

Rodney Crowell, longtime guitarist for Emmylou Harris, hit songwriter for Waylon Jennings and the Oak Ridge Boys, demonstrates artistic integrity here, refusing to cave to country-pop trends. Nothing here is calculated; the album was recorded live

in a studio. From the sensuous, steady-rolling “Fever on the Bayou” (complete with a verse sung in French) to the rockabilly-tinged, heartfelt prayer “Jesus Talk to Mama,” Crowell shows off a wide lyrical and stylistic range: