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Willie is the personification of an open book in the lyric sheet to his debut record Same Pain. What he offers the world is something it has genuinely been missing for awhile: a contemporary take on hard-core blues and the purest and rawest rock 'n' roll to follow its teachings thereafter.

He's studiously schooled in all the right source material, from Howlin' Wolf, Albert King and Muddy Waters to Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley and Jerry Lee Lewis to The Rolling Stones, AC/DC, Stevie Ray Vaughan, and everyone else who's carried the torch into the present, with a little Johnny Cash and Hank Williams thrown in for some outlaw-country flavour on the side.

And that's why, on Same Pain, Garret T. Willie can not only really rip it up on the guitar, but also with the gut-busting honesty of someone who understands that if you ain't lived it, you shouldn't sing it.

Garret T. Willie has absolutely no interest in emulating the musical past and his heroes. His interest is only in channeling every ounce of the classic blues and rock 'n' roll he venerates so deeply into something new.