



## Bio & Track List

Cruisey folk grooves with a bluesy soul, and guitar mastery that began in the cafés and backroom bars of 1970s Melbourne that led to concert supports for legendary Australian bands such as Australian Crawl and the Models, and later touring with artists like Marcia Hines and Kasey Chambers. GD Gardner is a singer-songwriter, lifelong guitarist, seasoned performer—and the inventor of the 5-String Capo—his music walks the dusty tracks between vintage blues, acoustic soul, and laid-back folky roots storytelling.

A recipient of three Byron Bay Dolphin Awards including Album of the Year and Song of the Year as well as the (TSA) Tamworth New Songwriter Award, GD Gardner brings his signature sound to this intimate and evocative recording.

Subtitled *The Best of GD Gardner*, this album weaves together five standout tracks from previous releases with seven brand-new tracks, all recorded mostly live at the Loft Studio.

Stripped back yet deeply expressive, each song captures the warmth, nuance, and authenticity of a truly live performance. With masterful fingerstyle guitar work and rich, resonant Dobro slide guitar, GD showcases his unparalleled artistry across three Martin guitars and two Dobros. The album journeys through themes of travel, arrivals, love, and loss, anchored by three beautifully crafted instrumental pieces. His mellow, heartfelt vocals, combined with intricate guitar arrangements, create a cool, relaxed vibe, one that embodies the soul of acoustic music.

*A seamless blend of light and shade, style and class. With every note he invites you to slow down, sit back, and let the music take you there.*

At the heart of Gardner's sound is the six-string acoustic guitar—fingerpicked, rhythmic, and emotionally articulate. While his distinctive Dobro work adds spice and vintage charm, it remains a tasteful accent rather than the focal point. On stage, it's the acoustic that does the talking.

Rooted in the tradition of acoustic storytelling, Gardner's music is never stuck in the past—it's nostalgic, but vibrantly fresh. *Cruisey & Bluesy* offers a laid-back, folky blues blend of heartfelt songwriting and soulful groove. From the lyrical warmth of "Seems Like You Do" and "River Mercy" to the rhythmic drive of "Steel on Wheels" and "The Way You Move," the album invites listeners into a space that's quietly powerful, emotive, and honest.

For lovers of fine guitar picking, heartfelt grooves, and the warm crackle of honest songwriting in the tradition of Mississippi John Hurt, Bonnie Raitt, and JJ Cale. GD Gardner gives the listener a feeling of ease and intimacy, music that settles in beside you like an old friend.

# Cruisey & Bluesy

the Best of GD Gardner

## Track by Track

### 1. Seems Like You Do

A lyrical dance of contradiction and connection. Fingerstyle acoustic carries the emotion while dobro solos shine without overpowering.

A warm, bluesy reflection on unspoken love and mixed signals.

### 2. Steel on Wheels

Rolling acoustic rhythm with dobro slides. A travelling song about departure, distance, and change.

A rolling acoustic tribute travel, and the rhythm of leaving.

### 3. Trademark

Groove-heavy instrumental with confident fingerstyle playing and swagger.

A toe-tapping acoustic groove that showcases Gardner's mastery.

### 4. River Mercy

Fingerpicked ballad of introspection and grace with gentle Dobro slide.

An acoustic meditation on redemption and flow.

### 5. Time Honey Money

Bluesy acoustic rhythms about time, love, and earning. Dobro dips in with flavor.

A rootsy reflection on life's push and pull.

### 6. Baby Please Don't Go

A soulful version of the classic, highlighting Dobro and acoustic interplay.

Raw and intimate, echoing classic blues soul.

### 7. Sleep Beneath the Stars

Warm acoustic with subtle Dobro tells a story of heartbreak and displacement.

A quietly devastating track where sleeping outside becomes metaphor.

### 8. Champions

A soaring instrumental built on elegant fingerstyle and confidence.

A cinematic instrumental tribute to quiet triumph.

### 9. I Do

Simple and sincere acoustic love song.

Warm, plainspoken, timeless expression of devotion.

### 10. The Way You Move

Playful groove-driven track with acoustic charm.

A bluesy acoustic nod to irresistible attraction.

### 11. Hey Little Sister

A vintage style folk-blues song with a protective, story-driven tone.

A rootsy tale of care and connection with timeless charm.

### 12. Winds Aloft

Atmospheric instrumental filled with acoustic wonder.

A poetic acoustic reverie carried by wind and emotion.