

The Making Of “Jack Jones”

Songwriter's Commentary by Alun Parry

00:00 The first spark! First attempt at lyrics.

00:43 First whiff of the opening verse.

00:56 First verse starts happening. Check out that sore throat! This verse is literally being written as I sing it out.

1:52 The guitar makes its first appearance.

3:01 Working out the chords.

3:49 “Ah I get it!” Yup. Chord sequence figured out.

5:00 Alternative verse ending attempt.

7:04 A try at repeating the chorus tune for the verse. That can work ok sometimes. Not here though. It felt too repetitive so I didn't keep that. But I liked the words. They stayed.

7:28 “Don't give up” lyric used for the first time at the end of the chorus.

8:12 The Spanish Civil War verse. This is being written as you hear it. Not quite as it finished up but 95% of the way there.

9:22 I drop my plectrum. And say “fuck.” Disproportionate I know. But I did promise you'd get it uncensored.

9:54 Someone is phoning me up while I'm writing. Probably that Simon Cowell pestering me again. I didn't answer anyhow. Kept on writing the song :-)