

Gamblin Man (from the album Sunny Side) – Andrew Neil

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Your imagination can run wild hearing stories from America's cowboy era. Tales of heavy drinking, heroic (and cowardly) deeds, epic adventures are often the central theme to many a song.

Andrew Neil takes us on an adventure with his song 'Gamblin Man' and describes various encounters along the way, his only companion an acoustic guitar played in a downbeat bluesy style – imagine Steve Earle or Eric Burdon doing this – people would speak about this for a long time.

A barman, possibly Andrew himself, in a saloon asks the stranger to play his favorite tune :

'I've always been a Gamblin man'

A conversation with one of the saloon's ladies ensues and then a meeting with a scorpion in the desert. Our gambling hero cheats but luckily for him and us there is no sting in the tail.

This is a song, I think, is about life's journey, risks must be taken to make the journey worthwhile even when in precarious situations. There is no risk in listening to the music of Andrew Neil, this song proving how versatile he is.

Life is a gamble, take a sure-fire bet and listen to Andrew Neil as he has all the musical aces.