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## ONE MAN BAND

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I was having dinner one evening and I hear the sound of an **incredible band** coming from the bar attached to the restaurant.

So I walk into the bar and expect to see at least 2 or 3 people on the stage. But it's **just one guy**. Steve Junot.

Needless to say, I was in a bit of a shock. Where are the drums coming from? I coulda swore that I heard a bass guitar...There were none. Just this one guy beating the shit out of his guitar and **singing like a man possessed**. I was looking for the machines...No machines either. I thought to myself "how can this one guy be making all of this sound with **just his guitar and voice?**"

Then, right as he finished the song, people started shouting out requests left and right. "Play some Van Morrison" shouts one girl "Play some Metallica" yelled a frat boy. And like the musical equivalent of Andre Agassi, he volleys their songs right back at them. Playing everything from "Brown Eyed Girl" to "Enter Sandman" and everything in between.

But it's not just the music that made the night so special. Steve has a way of **communicating with his audience** that makes them feel like they are part of the show. From taking their requests, to just general cutting up and "bullshitting" with them. Oh, and by the way, Steve is a bit of a smart-ass, so watch out if you say **anything** within his earshot. Believe me, the guy could probably be a stand up comedian if he chose to do so.

Grant it, he has been doing this a while. Just look at his guitar and you can see the scars of the over 2,500 gigs he's played on it. Hell, he even has a [page on his website](#) documenting the ever-expanding Willie Nelson-like hole in his guitar.

To say that I had an incredible time listening to Steve, requesting my favorite songs and being able to actually hold a conversation with the other bar patrons is an understatement. The next time I'm in town, I'll make it a point to go see Steve again.