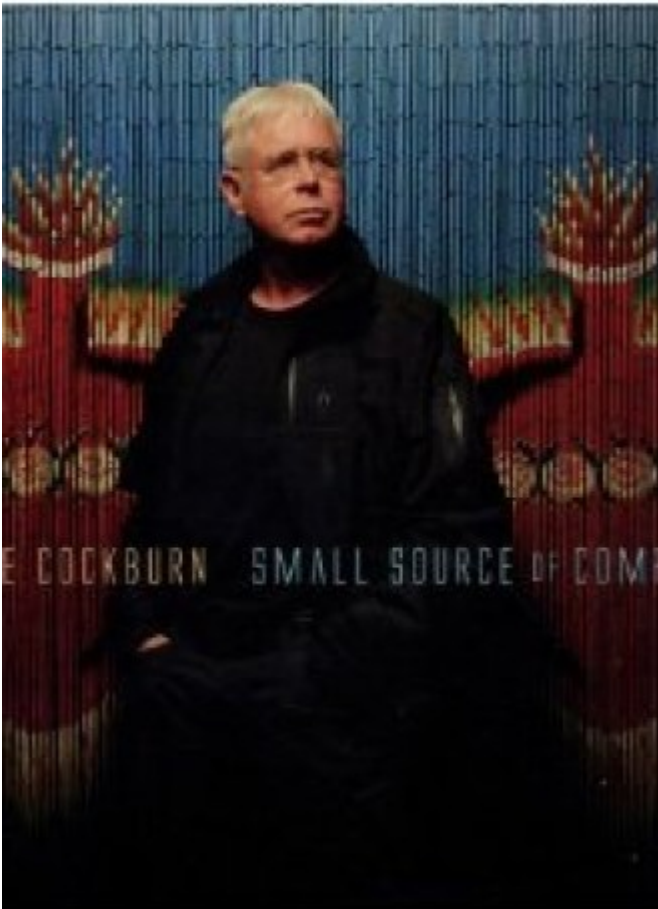


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In Review



Small Source of Comfort

By Bruce Cockburn
True North

Bruce Cockburn is a singer-songwriter of extraordinary perception and wit. On *Comfort*, his faculties come into laserlike focus on "Call Me Rose," a jaunty tune about a single mom in the projects who claims to be Richard Nixon reincarnated: "I'm back here learning what it is to be poor / To have no power but the strength to endure." Cockburn also offers a moving requiem in "Each One Lost," inspired by two Canadian soldiers killed in the Middle East. And he can weave quite a spell on guitar, as on the droning "Bohemian 3-Step."