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**Track Listing:** 

Track 1: **The 38 – Single** Track 2: Our Rights

Track 3: Southside Welcoming

Committee

Track 4: Come on Right Now

Track 5: Drifting Away

Track 6: Somewhere To Go

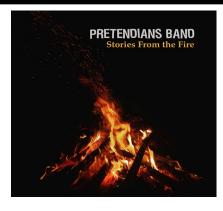
Track 7: In My Dreams
Track 8: Line In the Sand

Track 9: Walking Stereotype

Track 10: Bush Talk Track 11: War Cry Track 12: Mni Wiconi

Track 13: When Being First Doesn't Count





## **Introducing Pretendians Band**

Pretendians Band is a Native American rock band that calls Northeast Minneapolis, Minnesota home. Formed in 2014, the group has made a name for themselves by infusing their music with a modern indigenous perspective, crafting a dynamic and energy-fueled brand of conscious rock music.

Despite the name of the band, Pretendians Band is not pretending anything. Most of the band represent the Oceti Ŝakowiŋ (7 Council Fires) of the Dakhota/Lakhota Nation, hailing from Standing Rock, Rosebud, and Crow Creek tribes of South Dakota.

"As a Native American band, we speak out against the appropriation of our culture, of our history, of our image. Our lyrics speak to that, and it becomes clear that we are against non-genuine images of our culture."

Pretendians Band draws inspiration from a wide range of rock influences and crafted their unique brand of rock music by joining it with indigenous-centric lyrics, told from a modern Indigenous perspective. Pretendians Band's sound is characterized by ripping guitar solos, pounding rhythms, and powerful lyrics, creating a sonic landscape that is electrifying and inspiring.

At the heart of Pretendians Band's music is a commitment to celebrating their indigeneity and history, while also exploring the challenges and opportunities of the modern world. Their lyrics touch on themes of identity, justice, and empowerment.

With a rapidly growing fan base and a reputation for live performances, Pretendians Band is poised to make a significant impact on the world of rock music and beyond. Pretendians Band's music is a testament to the resilience, creativity, and power of indigenous people, and a reminder that the spirit of rock and roll has zero boundaries.