

Howdy Folks, Welcome to RISK! Hope you like the package of stuff we've got together for you. Risk magazine will be out twice a year to keep everyone up to date with all the latest. It is very important to me to keep contact with you. So, if you want to blob about anything send us an SAE Thanks for your massive support Lots of Love + Best Wishes

PERSONAL FACTS



NAME: - John Howard Jones

NICKNAME: - Big H at school

FIRST CONCERT:- A line up featuring 'The Who', 'The Troggs' and 'The 1910 Fruitgum Company' in Ottawa, Canada. I was 14 and it was the attraction of 'The Who' that got me there.

FIRST RECORD BOUGHT: - The 'Blood Sweat and Tears' LP, I was really into brass instruments and Hammond Organs and this featured both.

QUESTION: - How did you meet your wife?

H.J.:- I was best friends with her brother and they used to live down the road from me. We met when I was 17 or 18 and have been married for five years. Her name is Janet but she's known as Jan.

HOME: - A terraced house in High Wycombe.

PETS: - A dog called Bear or Benny sometimes, and also a cat called Puss. 'We tried out lots of other names on her but that unfortunately was the only one that stuck.

HOBBIES: - I only ever walk the dog or watch TV sometimes.

QUESTION:- Do you play any sports? H.J.:- No, I would say I'm fit though, through doing gigs.

FAVOURITE EXPRESSION: - 'See ya'

MOST HATED PHRASE: - 'It's impossible' because I don't believe anything is.

FAVOURITE FOOD: - Anything that doesn't have dead animals in it. I've been a vegetarian for about eight years now. I love Indian Food.

QUESTION: - Are you good at cooking?

H.J.:- I used to cook all the time and do enjoy it, but don't have so much time now, my speciality is a vegetable curry. Learning how to do it was a question of trial and error, tested by my friends.

HERO:- John Lennon, because of the things he sang about and the direct way he sang them, he didn't mince words.

HEROINE: - My Mum.

PEOPLE YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: - I have three. One is the American writer 'Richard Bach'; when I read his book 'Illusions', it summed up all the things I'd been thinking about over the last few years. It was great encouragement to me. I'd also like to meet 'Jimi Hendrix'; maybe it's possible in another life. Finally 'Stevie Wonder', I've heard he's a great guy.

PREVIOUS BANDS: - A classical rock band called 'Warrior', a band called 'Bicycle Thieves' and a rock group by the name 'Skin Tite'.

QUESTION: - Do you have a special theme in mind when you write your lyrics? H.J.: - I usually have a theme in mind, something I feel strongly about. I don't write about girl/boy relationships at all. The things I write about are through my experiences, but they're fairly general, not about specific incidences or whatever. I don't approach things from a political point of view. The things I write about are to do with personal change rather than political change. I mean that's my style, I don't condemn anybody for anything they do.

QUESTION: - What are preconceived ideas?

H.J.:- I don't agree with the idea that only lucky or talented people can do what they want. I believe that everybody is talented in some way and that with time and effort, you can create your own luck. Another idea is that success and money can bring happiness. A lot of successful rich people are very unhappy.

AMBITION: - To write music and lyrics that are of use to people.

## HOWARD'S HISTORY SO FAR..

23rd Feb Howard was born in Southampton to Welsh parents. He is the eldest of four sons The Jones family moved to Cardiff, Howard moved several times as a child, due to his fathers work. The family even spent two brief spells in Canada. 1970 The family moved again, this time to the High Wycombe area. They settled in a village called Stokenchurch. Howard attended the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe. 1971/2 Howard and three friends formed a Classical Rock Band called 'Warrior'. At this time Howard's music was heavily influenced by bands such as Genesis and E.L.P.. 1974 At the age of nineteen Howard enrolled at 'The Royal Northern College of Music' Manchester."I managed to scrape in at college" Says Howard. He was there for only two and a half years- Really it didn't suit me being there as I wasn't primarily interested in classical music". 1976 Howard quit college, disenchanted with all music and did not play for over two years. Howard returned to High Wycombe, got a job in a Cling film factory and married Jan. 1979 Howard discovered Synthesisers! He ordered

one, mistakenly got sent two, became intrigued by their possiblities and began to compose again. He set his sights on a musical career, kicking off with sporadic gigs in and around his home town.

> ENTER: - Jed Hoile who joined Howard on stage as a unique and original mime artist, adding colourful visual and graphic interpretation to some very powerful lyrics.

1979/80 Howard's local following increases and he starts gigging further afield with some success.

Howard and Jan pursued agents, promoters and record company people, all in the hope of securing a recording deal. The general response was incredulous -'A one man band, you must be joking! It'll never work.' Howard continued undeterred.

In May Howard played support to 'The Flying Pickets' and 'The Blues Band' at Friars Aylesbury. Howard met his future manager David Stopps who is the promoter at Friars. This meeting proved significant as by November David had become Howard's manager and a great friendship developed. David's enthusiasm and experience added to Howard's musical talents, meant that things finally began to happen.

1983 March- Howard did a session for Radio One DJ David Jensen, which gave Howard his first national exposure. May- With only two days notice, Howard managed to secure the support slot, on a 16 date tour for China Crisis. It was a great June- Howard signed a major recording contract with W.E.A. records. August - Howard's first single 'New Song' was released. September - Howard supported O.M.D. on a 4 date tour, he also made his television debut on Channel 4's 'Loose Talk'. Howard appeared to an audience of 7,500 his largest audience to date, when he supported

7 date U.K. Tour .

Peter Gabriel in Brussels. October- 'New Song' reaches No. 3 in the Charts, and went silver. At the end of the month Howard went to 'Farmyard Studio' to record his a yum with Rupert Hine. November-'What is Love?' was released. Howard shot the 'What is Love?' Video in Paris. December- Howard returned to the road, for

1984 Howard wins 'Best New Artist' award in 3 separate readers polls. Smash Hits, No. 1 and the Daily Express. February- 10th 'Hide and Seek' released. enters the charts at 24.

16th 'New Song' reaches top 40 in America.

19th Howard and Jed go to America for several T.V. appearances and countless interviews for Howard.

23rd Howard celebrates his birthday in the USA.

March - 1st The 'Howard Jones Fan Club' goes offical.

9th 'Human's Lib' Howard's album is released, also appears on 'The Old Grey Whistle Test' performing 'Equality' with Jed.

16th Appears Live on the Tube. 17th U.K. Tour- everywhere sold out weeks beforehand. Almost crushed by the wheels of industry Howard's mum!

Friars hit releases first single\_

FREEHERS AVLESBURY HOWARD Jones, the local keyboard player singer who has proved such a hit at Aylesh Friars Rock Club, releases his first s Called New Song, the single has been i

tipped to be a chart success, and there is alre-video to go with it if it is successful enough shown on television

SENSATION

Howard, from High Wycombe, has as I manager David Stopps, who runs Friars, whe he caused a sensation when he appeared in Jusupporting the group China Criss.

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# DISCOGRAPH

#### Singles (7 inches)

19th August 1983 'New Song'
B Side 'Change the Man'

18th November 1983 'What is Love?'
B Side 'It just doesn't Matter'

10th February 1984 'Hide and Seek'
B Side 'Toa te Ching'

Special Fan Club 'New Song' and 'Don't always look at the Rain'
Double A Side, Live from High Wycombe Town
Hall, 22/12/83. RISK 1

#### Singles ( 12 inches )

'New Song'
B Side 1) 'Change the Man'
2) 'Conditioning'

'What is Love?'
B Side 1) 'It just doesn't matter'
2) 'Hunt the Self' (Live)

Limited edition: - Double pack 'What is Love?' Incl. 7 inch

A Side 'What can I say' (Live)
B Side 'Bounce right back' (Live)

'Hide and Seek'
B Side 1) 'Toa te Ching'
2) 'China Dance'

### Singles ( 10 inches )

Concert Version 'Hide and Seek' HOW 3L

A Side 'Hide and Seek'

B Side 'Toa te Ching'

By the time this reaches you, a picture disc of 'Hide and Seek' will have been released. (33 RPM ) HOW 3PT

#### Album





Hello Everybody,

HOW 3T

There have been a lot of changes around here recently. We've moved from Howard and Jan's spare bedroom to an office. Hence the new address. We've covered the boring white woodchipped walls with your excellent drawings and artwork.

Howard will be on tour for a large part of this year and we will be travelling with him. Peggy and Thelma will be managing the Fan Club in our absence.

Hopefully we will now be able to give you advance notice of tours, a special rate on merchandise and generally improved service. But please remember we won't be able to reply to any of your queries unless you send us a 'Stamped Addressed Envelope'.

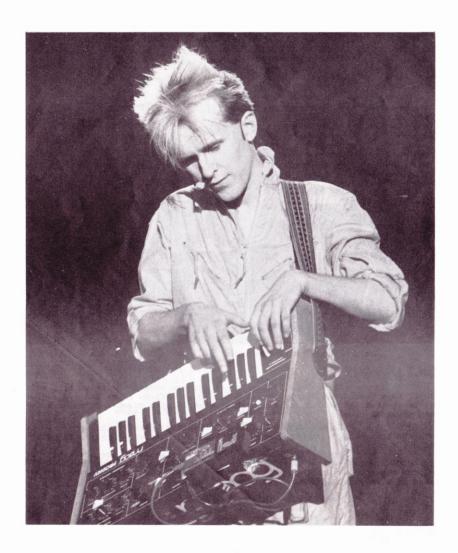
Risk 5 will be sent to you in the summer.

Best Wishes

Jan and Jill

JUMPERS:- As worn by Howard on the single cover of 'New Song' are available from Cheyrl Jones, (Howard's sister in law) her address is 6 Snakely Close, Loudwater, High Wycombe. Her prices start at £28, please send S.A.E. for details and order-forms.

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