

## Tom Farley

*By the Fence in the Sun*  
(Self-Release)

Thinking about a roadtrip this summer and heading west towards Tennessee? Take *By the Fence in the Sun* to play as the perfect accompaniment to your journey.

Virginia Beach Americana singer-songwriter Tom Farley lets the mandolin of Greg Wikle take the lead on the opening title track for a decidedly Appalachian vibe. Tania Farley provides a nice harmony to elevate “Here I Go Again.”

“A Tip of the Hat” is an instant American folk classic. Farley and his cast of players go Memphis-style and all instrumental during “Mental Map Blues.” “Moving On” smacks of ’70s piano ballad rock, though it could really be memorable with vocals.

Farley does a nice cover of Paul Simon’s “American Tune” and concludes on a contemporary country note with “You Ain’t Never.”

You won’t be on the fence after listening to these songs—they shine like an over-easy egg on a Sunday morning. — **Jeff Maisey**

