

based on acoustic instruments and voices and that's about it, I think it's really refreshing to people.

R&B: The band gets labeled bluegrass, newgrass, jamgrass, etc. Do you guys aim for a particular sound?

Beck: I often tell people we're not trying to be anything. We start out bluegrass and then sort of see where it will go. We use three to five minutes as kind of like a jumping-off point for improvisation. We're as likely to play a 15-minute song as we are a three-minute song. But I think they're equally powerful. The reason that a 15-minute song is a 15-minute song is because in our mind, that's what it calls for. It's not just jamming for the sake of jamming. It's jamming for the sake of the song.

R&B: You're writing a novel. What's that about?

Beck: It's just a novel. It's just a story, you know. It involves a guy and his dog and bank robberies and moral dilemmas and all sorts of different stuff. But it's not anywhere near close to done. So it could change at any point.



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