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Rock Beat: 'Now' Sounds Around Town

Townes Van Zandt: Unique Talent

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Townes Van Zandt is a contrast when viewed against the backdrop of smiling, low-cut, and smiling eyes and glitter that exists in a great part of the performing and recording world.

superficial impression.
Unless you're careful, you'll miss all the drama and the pain and the searching questions put to a sober, serious, in some ways he reminds one of Hank Williams; the pained surface of his face, and the plaintive long notes held as if by tension stretched between him.

kind of incredible palace that
Chaplin and sometimes W.C. Fields lived in, one where daily occurrence gets pulled up and looks hilarious like the face on a balloon after you blow it up. When you look at things his way, sad and happy merge into each other in a new way, the same thing happens in Hank Williams and Bob Dylan songs try "My Back's Got A Hole In It" or "Talking World War Three".

and his friends in the band played one of the lightest, most relaxed, most enjoyable
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Joe Gracy's rock music column appears each Saturday in the Austin American-Statesman.

Spin-Off Failure

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