

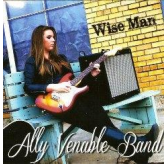
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1. *Woke Up This Morning* 4:45 2. *Wise Man* 4:02 3. *Sneaky Feeling* 2:30 4. *Trouble with a Capital T* 3:46 5. *No Glass Shoes* 3:29 6. *Mr Raines* 4:15 7. *Downhearted Blues* 3:24 Ally Venable - guitar, vocals Bobby Wallace - guitar Kris Wallace - bass Daniel Douve - drums

For being only 15, Ally Venable has the makings of a strong force in the world of blues music. Ally is lead vocalist and guitarist of the Kilgore-based Ally Venable Band, and her bandmates are blown away by the talent the Kilgore High School freshman possesses for her age.

"Most of my songs are about how people interact with me...like one song was about how I got bullied in middle school. It's not like a normal bullying; I remember how at lunch, I would sit by myself in the cafeteria, or in the library or somewhere else, and nobody wanted to sit with me. And whenever I would have my shows, people would always throw parties at their house and be like, "Oh, well you were singing," or something like that. So I wrote "Woke Up This Morning" about how I was through with them, and after that, they didn't bother me anymore. Other songs that I have written were about stuff that I saw on TV. I wrote "Wise Man" while I was watching "Gossip Girl," which is about how a boy cheating on the girl which turned out really cool. I just write about different stuff, whatever inspires me. We try to stay in a blues-rock type of feel with our music, and it's really cool how the band combine our ideas together to make a song...

I've always sung in church, like when I was really little, I would sing in the choir. And I remember going into a music store and asking my grandma for a guitar at a very young age. Looking back, that's how it started. I've always had a love for listening to music. At first I sang a bunch of country music, but later in life I began to listen to more varieties of music. My dad likes to listen to blues and my mom likes to listen to metal and '80s music. They both love all that stuff and I liked blues a lot. I don't know why, but I like it a lot. It called to me so I started listening to Stevie Ray Vaughan, Buddy Guy and Bonnie Raitt, and all those blues artists. I liked it and felt a

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sincere draw to that style and I started playing it and listening to them and trying to emulate them. Eventually it worked out." ---Amanda Main, eguidemagazine.com

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