



## Ten Seconds In-Between

By Doug Hoekstra

“Doug Hoekstra’s stories, like his songs, are infinitely and irresistibly relatable, leaving us not with answers so much as a sense that someone else understands the struggle. Hoekstra has a knack for finding small moments that test us or reveal us and dramatizing them with candor and just a touch of lyricism when the moment is right. I don’t just enjoy his work—I trust it.”

—Justin Hamm, author of *American Ephemeral* and *Lessons in Ruin*

“Ten Seconds In-Between is a collection of relationship stories, full of interactions where something significant happens and maybe only one of those involved realizes or understands. You’ll travel to Liverpool and Alcatraz, meet poets and blind street vendors. There’s sex and music, dirty laundry cleaned, and a light but sure touch when it comes to politics. Hoekstra’s talent as a writer shines a light on how these relationships are often simply taken for granted, only to be reimagined on the page and in our collective memory.”

—Steve Roberts, author and composer of *The Life of Books Project*

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Doug Hoekstra is a Chicago-bred, Nashville-based creative whose poems, performances, songs, and stories, have crisscrossed the globe in publications and playlists, his eight CDs and three books earning Independent Publisher Award (Bronze Medal/Short Fiction) Pushcart Prize, Nashville Music Award, and Independent Music Award nominations, as well as a legion of friends and fans. 2021 brings a new album of music, *The Day Deserved* and a new collection of stories, *Ten Seconds In-Between*. Doug lives in a ranch house in the Music City, with his beloved son Jude and their pal, Roger the Cat. [www.doughoekstra.net](http://www.doughoekstra.net)