

# Liva Music - Songwriter



## Dave Tough

**Dave Tough is a Nashville-based songwriter and producer/engineer. He has written and produced songs in major motion pictures, most recently in 2010, he had a song in Seth Rogen's mall cop comedy "Observe and Report", the TV show "Plain Jane" and training films and commercials, including a Pantene shampoo ad series. Dave has had cuts with several independent and label country and pop artists ([www.davetough.com](http://www.davetough.com)) and is an active voting member of the The Recording Academy (Grammy Awards).**

**Dave is a member of the duo "Xavier & Ophelia" with co-creator DeAnna Moore ([www.xandomusic.com](http://www.xandomusic.com)).**

**As a songwriter Dave has been a top finalist in many songwriting contests and he won the Grand Prize Country Category in the 2009 John Lennon Songwriting Contest.**

**As an engineer and producer, Dave has produced, engineered demos and master recordings for hundreds of artists worldwide over the internet from his website [www.davetough.com](http://www.davetough.com).**

**Dr. Tough is an audio professor at Belmont University in Nashville, TN teaching audio recording and studio production. He has worked and studied under engineering names such as Bruce Swedien and Neil Citron. He has worked on the business side of the industry for Capitol Records, Warner Chappell Music, BMG Music Publishing and Capitol/EMI.**

As an solo artist, Tough has released two solo albums Gravity Always Wins (2005) and I'm Right Here (1999). Tough has been recording and songwriting educator at UCLA, Cal Poly University, the University of North Alabama and most recently, Belmont University's Mike Curb College.

Dave Tough shares his namesake with the famous jazz drummer (Tough's great uncle) who played with the likes of Woody Herman, Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey.

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