The author of "Names," songwriter Nathan Bell is known for his straightforward yet poetic lyrics and expert musicianship. His stories are of everyman, sung with honesty and empathy. Though his subjects are often dark and troubled, Bell never leaves the listener without, as Cohen wrote, "the crack, where the light comes through."

A master guitarist, Bell often performs solo, allowing his instrument to turn his poetry to song, his metaphors to melody. *No Depression Magazine* described his live performance during SXSW as "something very special and rare."

"Powerful stuff...bleak, yet oddly comforting." - Sing Out! Magazine