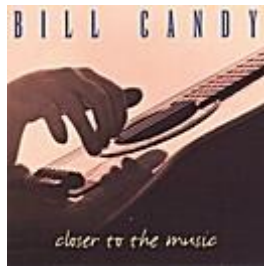


## Mp3 Bill Candy - Closer To The Music



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A folk/pop artist with a James Taylor-like, laid back delivery and mixed styles that range from folk to swing to pop. 11 MP3 Songs FOLK: Folk Pop, COUNTRY: Western Swing Details: Bill Candy Singer/Songwriter/Entertainer If you get a chance to catch Bill Candy live. Make sure you get a seat with good sight lines. You won't want to miss any of the action. The action being Bill's ability to bring a song to the audience with a gripping combination of guitar mastery, vocal fluidity and compelling original music and lyrics. Bill's roots go back to the British invasion of the 60's but it was in the 70's that he discovered that he had a passion for the acoustic guitar and the songs of the artists of that period. (Jim Croce, Paul Simon, James Taylor....etc.) He comes by his talent honestly as his grandfather George Coutts was a gifted arranger, teacher and Canadian composer in his own right who is listed in the Canadian Music Encyclopedia. Bill's guitar studies took him through just about all aspects of the instrument starting with some classical training at the Royal Conservatory of Music and moving on to a pursuit of the understanding of jazz which even found him taking a semester at the Berklee College of Music in Boston. It seems that the combination of all these styles has given him his own way of playing and accompanying himself that sets him apart from other performers. Up until '93 Bill was active as a soloist as well as being the Harding part of the well-known vocal act Edward, Harding and McLean who recorded 3 albums in their 20 year career and appeared on many CBC TV and Radio programs. Having gone their separate ways, Bill has been focusing more on furthering his own songwriting and recording career which got off to a successful start in '91 with the release of his single " I Can't Say That It's True." The song was charted nationally and held the #34 spot on the Record magazines' top 50 country songs of '91. Bill's CD Closer To The Music, produced by Chad Irshick (Rankin Family), was released in '95 and has received great reviews and consistent national airplay. Native Canadian star Susan Aglukark has also recorded one of

Bill's songs on her critically acclaimed EMI CD *This Child*, which is sure to present Bill to the International community as one of Canada's finest songwriters. In an evening with Bill, whether in a pub, concert or at a corporate affair, you will hear him perform his own songs as well as many other original arrangements and instrumentals that go from jazz to country to pop without missing a beat. It's a unique talent that combines structure and improvisation surely to leave the audience refreshed and inspired. The year 2003 has brought concert and club work and a long-awaited new CD entitled "*COMMON GROUND*" which is receiving radio attention in Canada, the U.K., Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. A career highlight this year will be a repeat concert appearance with a 360 voice multicultural choir performing the title track of Bill's new CD. 2274 Wadding Cres. Mississauga, On. L5K 1Z3 E-mail: bcandy@rogers Website. billcandy.com *CLOSER TO THE MUSIC* A collection of original songs from singer/songwriter BILL CANDY Available on CD and cassette. BCCD-1 BCCS\_1 " This is Bill's debut album, and is sure to bring him into the mainstream. Candy displays a relaxed, non-pretentious approach to his music, which at times reveals a pleasant folk/roots ingredient. His song material is simple and his keen sense of interpretation gives a touch urgency to his lyrics." 1/16/95 - WALT GREALIS of RPM Magazine "This whole CD is honest and BILL CANDY does each tune justice as a singer-songwriter of each song," - CHERYL HOMAN , COUNTRY WAVE MAGAZINE 2/95 " Console king CHAD IRSCHICK lends his characteristic studio sheen to this fine crop of songs from guitarist BILL CANDY. The singer-songwriter fits comfortably into the new country format although his tastes are clearly more eclectic than that, straying into fun-time blues and James Taylor-style ballads." - SOCAN, WORDS MUSIC 2/95 " Ontario singer-songwriter and talented guitarist BILL CANDY is a folk/pop artist with a James Taylor-like, laid back delivery and mixed styles that range from folk to swing to pop. A well produced album." NORTHERN JOURNEY. A guide to Canadian folk music on CD. By Gene Wilburn. Reference Press.

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