

Mp3 Shawn Thies - New Beginnings At Christmas



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"Shawn Thies' New Beginnings at Christmas is a sweet and embraceable holiday album that will warm the heart of any folk music fan. The acoustic music is well-executed and winning, with an intimate ensemble providing excellent support..." 12 MP3 Songs EASY LISTENING: Crooners/Vocals, NEW AGE: Celtic New Age Details: christmasreviews.com Our Review--(Reviewed in 2006) ... Singer/songwriter Thies has an excellent voice, the sort of voice that is emotive and vulnerable, yet rich and smoothly accessible. The dozen tracks are low-key, contemplative affairs that include three Thies originals. The new numbers showcase the artist's considerable songwriting talents; these pieces fit comfortably side-by-side with the well-known holiday favorites. I particularly enjoyed Thies' One, a haunting and beautifully-constructed song that pleads for peace and unity. The instrumentation (piano, cello, violin, bass, drums/percussion) provides the perfect framework for the number. As for the holiday favorites, there are at least two standouts. First, Angels We Have Heard on High, a carol that normally does not top my list, is resplendent here. This rendition carries a rhythmic Celtic character and reflects cool percussive touches throughout. My other pick is the sparsely-presented O Holy Night, which features Thies accompanied only by the guitar and bamboo flute. Just lovely! The final cut (Sleep Little Dove) is a gentle Alsatian carol that covers almost nine minutes; this is because the track incorporates a "hidden" number, Amazing Grace. This precious discovery is a most appropriate way to close the album. Shawn Thies and her New Beginnings at Christmas have already brightened my holiday season. I could spend many hours basking in the welcoming glow of music like this! Check it out. Carol Swanson reviewed in 2006 October 2005, Thies won first runner-up in "Song of the Year's" International Song writing contest with title cut "New Beginnings at Christmas" in the Folk category! Congratulations With folk and Celtic influence, this collection of original and traditional songs is Music that stirs and uplifts the soul, reaching us on a deep

spiritual level. Shawns Original are some of the BEST Christmas songs Ive heard in a long time...Classics in the making. This Christmas album is sure to be your new family favorite!

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