## Mp3 Jon Sherwood - The Unseen Hand



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Eclectic and organic contemporary Christian rock/pop music. Some tracks reminiscent of the legendary Rich Mullins. 13 MP3 Songs GOSPEL: Contemporary Gospel, POP: Power Pop Details: Writing music about God and spirituality has been rewarding on many levels. I hope you hear something on my CD that enlightens you. Jon Sherwood The Unseen Hand I have always wanted to be an entertainer. I grew up in McMinnville, Oregon, a small city one hour from Portland in one direction and the Pacific Ocean in another. My father was a career educator and my mother a bank employee and housewife. I have two brothers, Terry and Larry and a sister, Jan. My grandparents were musical, and the instruments they played grabbed my interest at an early age. My first captured audience was my family who were given no choice but to watch me dance and sing from the time I could walk. I have been performing for much of my life in music, theatre, and sports. I am a trained stage actor and have been in collegiate and community theatre productions and low-budget films. I was also on Americas Funniest People on ABC. My friends know of my antics. Mr. Saunders, my junior high choir teacher helped fuel my musical interests in harmony and vocal jazz. By 16, I was in my first rock band, The Elastic Waste Band. My membership in many rock bands throughout the years include names such as Antidote, The Canoes, Sabotage, The Tag, Chad, Burning Issue, Masterwork, Love on Ice, Undercurrent, Brazen Monkey, Camp Sherwood, and I-90. There have been many musical friends and associates along the way that have helped teach me how to play and write music. To these former band mates and friends I must say thanks! I am currently employed as a public school music teacher and hold BS degrees in Music and Theatre and a Masters degree in Music Education. Over the years I have studied rock, jazz, and classical music. Seeing children filled with the beauty, joy, amazement, and at times the frustration of learning music are rewards in my teaching. After college, I traveled with a choir to Italy and sang during Mass in Latin at The Vatican.

We also performed in many ancient cathedrals such as St. Marks in Venice, Italy. I love to perform on stage. My musical influences range from Motown and oldies pop music to classic and some current rock. Currently, my favorite artists include: The Beatles, Collective Soul, Pete Yorn, Beethoven, Keith Green, Rich Mullins, U2, Jars of Clay, Tait, and Switchfoot. I like to incorporate various music styles in my writing. I have many talented people to thank for helping me make this CD come to life! The inspirations, lyrics, and dreams, however, are definitely inspired through my faith in God. My wife, Shari and my children Sophie and Trevor have been supportive and make my life blessed. Our friends and families are incredible and wonderful ingredients of our lives as well. Playing music about God and for God is challenging, exciting, limitless, fulfilling, enlightening, interesting, fun, and humbling. I love how music can evoke emotion and bring strength and power to our existence. I have been writing music for the last twenty years and feel that The Unseen Hand is my best work thus far. I believe that the world needs more bands and musicians using positive images in their lyrics and bringing good influences to our youth. There are many terrible things that happen in this world that I do not understand but I do know there is a God who loves us and wants us to follow Him. The music for The Unseen Hand started with my acoustic guitar and melodies in my head. -Jon Sherwood 2006 jonsherwood.com

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