

Mp3 Erin Smith - Around This Place



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Smith's rich voice and subtle guitar provide just the right vehicle for these stories about life and the places where we live it. 11 MP3 Songs FOLK: like Joni, FOLK: Modern Folk Details: This collection of songs began one summer day in the garden when I had a vivid memory of a dear friend who died years ago. Something about the place, the weather, the people I was with made her come back to me with such clarity it brought tears to my eyes. That night, I wrote the title track for the album, "Around This Place." People often think it is a song about loss, but to me it's about those precious moments when we are offered the gift of memory and someone we have lost is briefly returned to us. Almost all the songs on the album were inspired by the wild and isolated Keweenaw Peninsula of Michigan on Lake Superior. With its average snowfall of 200 inches, it is a place to be reckoned with both physically and mentally during the long, dark winter. It is also a place that rewards us with stunning beauty every day. When I sing these songs, I always imagine the particular places that they reference--Pine Street in Calumet, the beach at Misery Bay, the metal roof of a friend's house during a hard summer rain. It was my good fortune to be joined by several talented musicians who share my passion for the place, including Bill Payne of the critically acclaimed band Little Feat. Bill Payne has this to say about Erin Smith and Around This Place: "Erin combines a poets gift for words with mesmerizing music. The crowning touch is her voice, which is the perfect match to the expressiveness of the stories she tells. Her depiction of the Upper Peninsula is brilliant. She knows the terrain better than anyone Ive ever heard tell about it. The intimacy of her work is really what touches you."

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