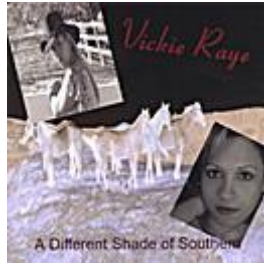


# Mp3 Vickie Raye - A Different Shade Of Southern



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Semi-Traditional country with "something a little different"-strong, lyrical vocals 10 MP3 Songs

COUNTRY: Traditional Country, COUNTRY: Country Pop Details: Singer Vickie Raye, was born Vickie

Nelson in Fajardo, Puerto Rico where she was adopted at birth by Marvin and Isabel. Raye began

performing before ever attending kindergarten. She sang in her living room for her family and friends

imitating artists like Cher, Crystal Gayle, Barbara Streisand, and Willie Nelson. Her first formal

performance was at the Dade County Youth Fair at the age of 8 and then performing in numerous

musicals and showcase performances. Later she attended New World School of the Arts in Miami,

Florida (the "Fame" school of South Florida). Though she was a dance major, she attracted the attention

of the musical theater department and was selected to perform a lead role in one of their productions. At

the age of 20, after giving birth to her son, she joined and performed locally with the rock band Emerald

Steel. They performed at many local venues and were well reviewed in Rag Magazine. During that

experience she discovered a new world outside of the theatrical arena and loved it! She left the band and

began focusing on her son and solo career. In 1999 she had the honor of performing the National Anthem

for her favorite hockey team, the Florida Panthers. Recently, Vickie Raye, has been in and out of the

recording studio working on demo projects and performing locally whenever possible. Now, with the love

and support of her husband David, and children Mikayla, Richard, Lauren and Andrew, (and rather large

family of aunts, uncles and cousins) she is in hot pursuit of her dream. She has recently been added to

WKIS Radio's (Kiss Country - wkis.com) featured local artists section. And finally, after many years of

performing, Vickie Raye is honored to be a member of the CMA, NSAI and TAXI. Though Vickie's love for

music crosses over many genres, she admits that her love for country music is where she finds comfort.

Some of her influences are Trisha Yearwood, Terri Clark, Linda Ronstadt, Willie Nelson, Travis Tritt,

Emmylou Harris, and even Barbara Streisand. When asked "what's your style?" her only response is "I don't fit into any 'molds'. I'm just me. I'm very to the point. I like my cowboy hat, my baseball cap and jeans; but I also love my high heels and short skirts. People always seemed surprised when they look at me. I know they're thinking 'you sing country?' Then they hear me sing. There is so much they don't know about me. Noone is 'one dimensional'." Raye firmly believes that anything worth having never comes easy and if it's meant to be then it will. A talented singer with a powerful and soulful voice, Vickie Raye is looking to break the stereotypes of country music and looks forward to someday hearing herself on the radio and performing at the Grand Ole Opry. "Music mends broken hearts, bridges gaps, and has the ability to fill a void in your life - even if for a moment. I know from experience. When I sing, I hope that I can take my audience to another place and, maybe for a little while, away from whatever is on their mind. It doesn't matter what a person looks like, what color they are. Music is music. There are no prerequisites to listen to it. why should there be to play it? I mean, as long as it's good. That's what is important. I'm different, and unexpected - I like it that way - and my fans do too!"

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