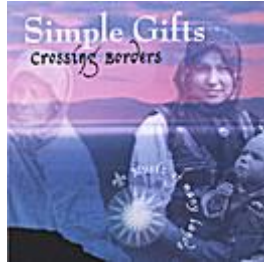


# Mp3 Simple Gifts - Crossing Borders: Music Of Many Lands



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International folk music ranging from Celtic to Klezmer performed on fiddle, concertina, mandolin, guitar, hammer dulcimer, piano, and more. Includes national award-winning song recognized as "one of the best songs of 2005" by Indie Acoustic. 12 MP3 Songs FOLK: Traditional Folk, WORLD: World Traditions

Details: Yipeeee!!! We just heard that one cut of this album (#4 - My Horses Aint Hungry) was recognized as "one of the best songs of 2005" by Indie Acoustic!!! This is Simple Gifts' newest album, released in December 2005. Simple Gifts is *\*very\** proud of it and says it's the best of their 5 releases. (You can see a complete list of albums at [simplegiftsmusic.com/recordings.html](http://simplegiftsmusic.com/recordings.html).) Simple Gifts is three women playing twelve instruments and performing music of many lands. Instrumentation includes 2 fiddles, concertina, mandolin, guitar, hammered dulcimer, banjolin, 6-string banjo, baritone fiddle, piano, and percussion. Genres include Klezmer, Russian, Scottish, Irish, Cape Breton, Shetland, Greek, and American, plus several originals by band members. Combining tradition with innovation, Simple Gifts creates some of the finest arrangements in folk music today. Highlights of Crossing Borders include a Klezmer tune with tin pan alley influence, a unique arrangement of an Appalachian song (using the fingerpicking style of Mississippi John Hurt), a Swedish tune with the lush sound of twin fiddles, and some light-hearted Irish polkas. Simple Gifts is a member of the prestigious PennPAT roster, a group of 120 Pennsylvania artists who have been chosen through a competitive, juried process to represent the best of Pennsylvania performing arts. Simple Gifts has further distinguished themselves as the most frequently requested artists on the roster. Non-profit and government organizations in DC, DE, MD, NC, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA, or WV may apply for a matching grant from PennPAT when hiring Simple Gifts or other artists on the roster. PennPAT is funded by the Vira I. Heinz Endowment, the William Penn Foundation, the

Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and The Pew Charitable Trusts. Simple Gifts has performed for many arts centers, festivals, and concert series, including the Smithsonian, Longwood Gardens, National Theatre, Hershey Theatre, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Ontario Center for Performing Arts, Eisenhower Hall at West Point, Old Songs Festival, Brooklyn Museum of Art, Pennsylvania Consort Society, Philadelphia Folk Festival, Smith Opera House, Snug Harbor Cultural Center, Bethlehem Musikfest, and dozens of colleges. In addition to playing concerts, they offer a variety of workshops, ranging from a percussion workshop for all ages where they teach people to play spoons, to a hands-on workshop for amateur musicians, to school assembly programs, to a lecture/discussion with the general public. For more information, contact Simple Gifts at 814/238-8048 or [linda@simplegiftsmusic.com](mailto:linda@simplegiftsmusic.com). Their website is [simplegiftsmusic.com](http://simplegiftsmusic.com).

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