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From the upbeat Brian Eno-like choral richness of the title track to the witty and wild vocalese rendition of Mozart's 40th Symphony, Grammy-nominated songwriter Gunnar Madsen once again creates music the whole family can enjoy together. 15 MP3 Songs KIDS/FAMILY: Children's Pop, KIDS/FAMILY: Kid Friendly Show all album songs: I'm Growing Songs Details: Some kids never grow up! That can be a good thing, as evidenced by the latest CD from Gunnar Madsen. The Grammy nominated singer-songwriter, author and filmmaker has built a reputation for smart indie music and books for kids. This release adds a new dimension to the family music genre. The 15 new songs are lyrically and musically rich, working on multiple levels, making this an album the whole family can truly enjoy together. From the upbeat Brian Eno-like choral richness of the title track to the catchy calypso vibes of Sun Comes Up (in a beguiling 7/8 meter); from the drunken cats of Bowl of Milk to the rockin librarians of Library Party; from the guy whos allergic to waltzes to the amazing vocalese rendition of Mozarts 40th Symphony, the recording reveals Madsens wide-ranging compositional skill and witty yet soulful way with lyrics. Even the silliest songs have depth. Always on the Bottom pokes gentle fun at type A parenting, allowing a kid to be happily and creatively average. Madsen describes the song as a post-modern I Got Plenty o Nuttin. Simple celebrates the times when you turn off your analytical brain and just enjoy the basics of life. Madsens resonant rendition of the American folk classic Shenandoah reflects his love for this song since he sang it in elementary school. So many songs we had to sing in school were dreadful, Madsen remembers. That song has stuck with me through the years. You can interpret it in so many ways. The colorfully illustrated Im Growing CD package includes 16 pages of liner notes, including full lyrics and artist comments, making this a great gift that listeners will want to pore over. Madsen offers his playful humor and excellent musicianship in every song. He clearly hasnt lost his sense of childlike

wonder. I still get the biggest thrill from learning new things, he says. I may no longer be growing any taller, but my heart and mind continue to grow and surprise me. Madsen lives in Berkeley, CA with his wife and 5 year old son. He says nearly full-time parenting has added a new dimension to his songwriting.

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