

## Mp3 Cathy Miller - A Quilter's Embrace



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A second CD of songs about quilting, thanks to the many stories that quilters from around the world have told to me in performances and via email. Songs to make you laugh and cry, songs to explore the extraordinary world of quilters. 14 MP3 Songs in this album (48:46) ! Related styles: FOLK: Modern Folk, COUNTRY: Country Folk People who are interested in Christine Lavin Joan Baez Connie Kaldor should consider this download. Details: After releasing "One Stitch at a Time" in 2000, Cathy Miller began singing for quilters throughout North America. Members of her audiences told her many stories after hearing her sing, and she realized there was enough material for a second CD of songs about quilting. "A Quilter's Embrace" is it. Like the first CD, this one features a delightful mixture of history, current events, and sentimental songs as well as drop-dead funny ones! Here's what Cathy has to say about the songs: Quilter's Husband's Lament: I found this poem on the Internet, and have set it to music. It was originally adapted by Shelly Burge from a poem called "A Husband's Viewpoint" and published in her Home Extension Club newsletter in the late 1970s. A Quilter's Embrace: After hearing about so many charity quilts done by every single guild we've visited over the years, I had to write this song. Each verse is about someone who has received an anonymous charity quilt, and the chorus is a possible label for each of those quilts. When I Die: What to do with your stash when you go! Inspired by discussion with Julie Wallace in Loch, VIC Australia (who also inspired some of the lines in "100 Ways to Hide Your Stash"), the husband gets the last word - the stash is his dowry!!! The Quilter's Alphabet: Self explanatory? The chorus is: "So merry, so merry so merry are we. No mortals match quilters when we're on a spree!" Old Glory: The original Old Glory (US flag) was kept safe during three years of the Civil War in Nashville, TN by having it sewn inside a quilt. A Quilt and a Kettle: A story I found in "Treasures in the Trunk", Quilts of the Oregon Trail by Mary Bywater Cross, features Rachel and Allan Bond, a young couple, who hired

themselves out to help a wagon train along the Oregon Trail in exchange for passage. They brought very little with them, but as she walked, Rachel pieced a quilt. The Bond family celebrated 150 years in Oregon in 2003. Nine Months: A pregnant quilter whose baby is overdue. Clearly, the reason the baby is overdue is because Mom hasn't made her a quilt yet, so in the last few days of her pregnancy, that's what she did! And Baby arrived soon after. Frog Stitch: Rip it, rip it, rip it! Healing Hearts: A wonderful project by Southern Cross Quilters (online group in Australia and New Zealand). If a member is going through a very tough time, other members make and send her 6-1/2 inch heart blocks. A Quilt for Gran: Written by Tark Hamilton, this is a lovely song about saying goodbye to his grandmother: clearing out her house, and making a quilt from the fabrics she left behind. My Hands: The reason I quilt is in this song - to leave something tangible behind, made from start to finish with my own hands. Trapper and His Bride: This story was told to me by Lorrene Hill at a quilting retreat in Strathmore, Alberta. She saw this quilt in 1954 in Cold Lake, Alberta. It had 10 pictorial blocks, all done very roughly by a native woman who had married a white trapper. Just after she saw the quilt, the log cabin and all its contents, including the quilt, burned to the ground. She never forgot the quilt and told me the story 47 years later! Prince Charming: Charm quilts have a charming history - young girls (with marriage always on their minds) collected bits of fabric (never bought, mind you - traded or given only!) for a quilt, usually a one-patch. Their quest was 999 pieces - the 1000th was to arrive pinned to the breast pocket of their future husband's shirt. Like "Toss the Cat" from "One Stitch at a Time" CD, this song talks about quilting superstitions and vital life decisions. Before I Was a Quiltmaker: The only place housework comes before quilting is in the dictionary! This song is based on a traditional melody, and set with African-style drums.

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