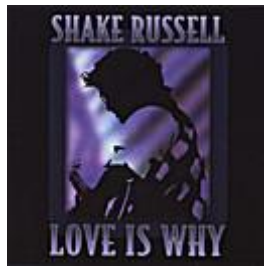


Mp3 Shake Russell - Love Is Why



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Acoustic Americana 18 MP3 Songs COUNTRY: Country Folk, FOLK: Folk Pop Details: "(Shake) Russell's songs bring up the images of driving down a narrow country road, carving it's way through a calm countryside into the heart of the Texas Hill Country." - Clarissa Marcee, New Texas Magazine For more than three decades, Texas singer-songwriter Shake Russell has been enchanting audiences throughout the region with his unique, southwestern style of folk-rock. A prolific songwriter, Shake has written or co-written hundreds of melodies and sold over 20 million songs. Through the years, Shakes songs and albums have frequented the Billboard charts, with many, including Deep in the West, Youve Got a Lover, Put Yourself in My Shoes, One More Payment, and Our Kind of Love being recorded by such distinguished artists as Waylon Jennings, Jessi Colter, Ricky Skaggs, Clint Black, and Alison Krauss. Ricky Skaggs hit recording of Youve Got a Lover has appeared on three of Rickys albums. So loved is this gifted musician that in 1995 he was asked by Houston television station KTRK to compose a theme song in commemoration of the Texas sesquicentennial. A flattered Shake eagerly obliged and wrote the regional favorite, Traveling Texas. Shake is a two-time recipient of the BMI Million Air award for Clint Blacks recordings of Put Yourself in My Shoes and One More Payment, both of which he co-wrote with Clint, and a four-time recipient of the BMI Writers Award. More recently, Shake was named the 2004 MyTexasMusic Entertainer of the Year. For over 30 years, he has been an ardent supporter of the Kerrville Folk Festival, serving in the capacities of headliner, judge, and former member of the Board of Directors. Weaving sophisticated harmonies through his songs and drawing from various genres, Shake created a style of folk-rock that is uniquely his own. His repertoire consists of the perfect blend of love songs, ballads, and waltzes, which are skillfully balanced with an ample number of lively rockabilly tunes and soulful rhythm and blues pieces. The practiced craftsmanship of Shakes compositions has earned

him broad recognition and admiration as a songwriter. His lyrics are imbued with beautiful imagery, catchy phrases, and inventive similes and metaphors. But it is the rich, melodious voice of Shake Russell that breathes life and spirit into the lyrics, leaving audiences spellbound. Shakes latest CD, Love is Why, is a delightful array of original compositions that beautifully showcase the extraordinary talents of this singer-songwriter. But to fully appreciate and understand the magnitude of Shakes contributions to music, one need only listen to his lifes work. From Songs on the Radio to Love is Why, Shakes music is a testament to the reasons why he is so widely celebrated as a Texas folk music legend.

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