

Mp3 Jody Kruskal - Poor Little Liza Jane



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Acoustic old-time tunes and songs with Jody Kruskal and friends, featuring Anglo concertina with fiddle, mandolin, banjo, guitar and bass playing old-time classics, unusual tunes and originals. 19 MP3 Songs

COUNTRY: Traditional Country, **FOLK:** Traditional Folk **Details:** THE INSTRUMENT The Anglo concertina is a little squeezebox with a big voice. It can play from the heart, high and lonesome or deep and spiritual, but when the Anglo cuts loose with foot-stomping fiddle tunes, its got the power to make you want to dance all night. The Anglo concertina can sound like a fistful of harmonicas, with rich harmony and counterpoint, or it can pump out a dance rhythm with the bellows, much as a fiddler uses the bow.

THE HISTORY The Anglo concertina was invented in Germany around 1834 and was perfected in England in the following decades. At first, the instruments were inexpensive and mass-produced; they were exported in large quantities from Germany all over the globe. In America they were played as far back as the 1840s in minstrel shows, by Salvation Army bands, and for the popular dances and songs of the day. A century later, the concertina had become virtually extinct in the United States and nearly so in Britain as well, a victim of changing musical tastes in a modern world. In recent years though, there has been a concertina renaissance, and today makers of fine concertinas cant keep up with the demand.

THE MUSIC The roots of old-time American country music reach back to the early days of the concertina, and the Anglos rhythm and inflection fit that music perfectly. The antique voice of the Anglo playing this vibrant old-time musical tradition still sounds fresh and new.

THE CD Jody Kruskal - Anglo concertina, vocals Sam Zygmuntowicz - fiddle, mandolin Bob Jones - guitar, bass Paul Friedman - fiddle Nathaniel Rowan - banjo Bill Peek - banjo Michael Gorin - fiddle Playing this music is a pleasure. I hope you enjoy listening to Poor Little Liza Jane.

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