## **Mp3 Naomi Sommers - Gentle As The Sun**



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Naomi's clear, captivating voice stands out over folk-country arrangements, featuring some of Nashville's finest musicians, thoughtful production by Jim Rooney (John Prine, Iris Dement), engineered by David Fergusson (Johnny Cash's American Recordings) 14 MP3 Songs in this album (56:06) ! Related styles: COUNTRY: Americana, FOLK: Folk-Rock People who are interested in k.d. lang Kris Delmhorst Emmylou Harris should consider this download. Details: Gentle As The Sun is an album of original songs by Naomi Sommers, with one cover of a sixties country song, "Sea Of Heartbreak". Bluegrass, folk and alt-rock come together in the arrangements of these songs. Producer Jim Rooney (John Prine, Iris Dement, Nanci Griffith, Bonnie Raitt), has assembled an all-star cast of Nashville musicians as Naomi's backup band, recorded and engineered by David Fergusson (who recorded all of Johnny Cash/Rick Rubin's American albums, plus much more). \*\*UPDATE: If you want to place an order for the CD directly from American Melody, you are welcome to call 1-203-457-0881. Ask for Phil, or just say, "Hey, I want to order Naomi's new cd." We'll be happy to hear from you. About Naomi: With roots in bluegrass, the blues, jazz, traditional folk, and old-time country, singer/songwriter Naomi Sommers is emerging as an exciting voice on the music scene. She grew up in a New England home full of music and instruments, performing since middle school with her parents and brother in the Sommers Rosenthal Family Band. Naomis recording career started at age 5 when she sang her first harmony parts on an album of bluegrass music for children. Over the years she has sung and played flute, banjo, piano, and guitar on more than 15 records released on her father Phils independent American Melody label, and has lent vocal and flute tracks to numerous recordings by other artists. In addition to the folk and bluegrass music she picked up at home, Naomi performed in orchestras and wind ensembles as a classically trained flutist, sang jazz with her brother Daniel Rosenthals quartets since high school, and joined the gospel choir during college.

After studying literature and music at the University of Connecticut, Naomi devoted herself full-time to writing and performing. She moved to Boston in 2001 to began a solo career. She played at favorite local venues including Club Passim, where she endeared herself to music fans and fellow musicians alike, and began lasting collaborations. She toured throughout the U.S. with songwriter Noam Weinstein as the duo Broken Dreams, and later followed some of the same routes as a Gray Sky Girl with Lisa Bastoni. In 2004, Naomi traveled to Texas to participate as a finalist in Kerrville Folk Festivals New Folk Songwriting Competition. More recently, Naomi was invited to be part of an upcoming PBS documentary, On The Record, hosted by Sir George Martin and narrated by Kevin Spacey. She traveled to the home of Jean Ritchie to play a few songs with the influential folk singer and songwriter on film for the series. In July 2008, Naomi performed one of her songs at the GRAMMY Foundations Starry Night Fundraiser in honor of Sir George Martin (producer of the Beatles and many others). At the event in Los Angeles, she shared the stage with Jeff Beck, Burt Bacharach, Chris Body, Tom Jones, Jimmie Webb and others. Since 2002, Naomi has put out three albums on American Melody. Two of these were solo albums, featuring original songs with eclectic backup by her family and other outstanding musicians. In 2006, she released a mesmerizing album of traditional and original old-time country slowgrass with the Gray Sky Girls. Now in 2008, Naomi has just released an album recorded in Nashville, produced by the acclaimed musician/producer Jim Rooney (John Prine, Iris Dement, Nanci Griffith, Bonnie Raitt). She is thrilled to present this collection of songs, accompanied by some of Nashville's finest musicians in addition to a few of her trusted friends and family.

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