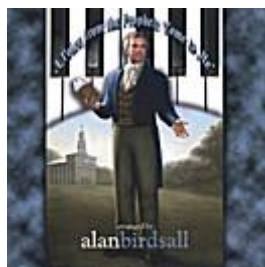


Mp3 Alan Birdsall - A Voice From The Prophet: 'come To Me'



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Hymns and Folk Tunes from the 19th Century, with a modern contemporary feel, including some of Joseph Smith's favorites. Alan sings the songs with guest vocalists Joanne Church and daughter Katrina Gimmeson. 16 MP3 Songs GOSPEL: Contemporary Gospel, JAZZ: Smooth Jazz Details: Alan Birdsall was born in 1962, in National City, California, and raised in Simi Valley, California, once a destination for Saturday drives through orange groves and eucalyptus trees. "I remember waking up to the smell of orange blossoms, as a young boy," Alan lightheartedly remembers. Perhaps it was this beautiful, tranquil setting that began his inspirational musical journey. At age 5 he was playing hymns on the piano, by ear, with one finger. Two years later he asked for piano lessons. During the next few years Alan was classically trained and performed in recitals and Bach Festivals. In seventh grade he started playing the violin in the orchestra. At age 11 he became the church organist. "It was when my mother passed away, when I was 14, that I started writing songs like crazy," Alan said. "She was my inspiration." While attending college in Utah, Alan entertained at restaurants. He started at Jimba's Restaurant, then The Underground Restaurant. After being offered a job back in California with the idea that it would pay for college, Alan left the restaurant entertaining business, packed his bags and headed West. However, when his Los Angeles suburb sales job didn't pay the bills, he ended up back in Simi Valley. While working for First Interstate Bancard Company, he bought a recording studio, started Birdsall Productions and sent demos of his music to industry executives. "I received a lot of positive comments but no deals were offered," Alan reminisces. Five years later he was back in Utah working for WordPerfect Corporation. During the next several years, Alan continued recording his music and sending demos. He later discovered, however, that he could produce his own recordings and do well on his own. In 1995 he

recorded and released "The Savior's Theme," which was well accepted. In 1997 music writer Janice Kapp Perry had collaborated with lyricist Utah Senator Orrin G. Hatch. The result is their first CD "My God is Love," released by Prime Recordings. Janice had previously heard Alan's demo which resulted in Alan recording the lead vocal for the song "I Found the Light." Alan said, "A vocalist's worst nightmare happened to me the day before the recording session. I phoned Janice and told her I became terribly sick with the flu. She didn't seem concerned. She said, 'we'll pray for you.' The next day I went to the studio and sang, with plenty of tissues at my side. And to my amazement, the recording sounded great." Later the same year, Alan released the single "My Skunk Stinks" which he promoted through his school assembly tour. The ten year anniversary of "My Skunk Stinks" is scheduled to be released in 2007 as a full-length CD. The songs were sung by Alan's voice character Mervin Hickory. In 2002 he moved to the small tourist town Nauvoo, Illinois, and founded the record label Nauvoo River Records Publishing. Alan's first CD under this label, "Each Life That Touches Ours for Good" was released in December of 2004 as Inspirational Instrumental Piano. Prior to living in Nauvoo, Alan spent time in Branson, Missouri where he gained invaluable experience, advantageous to upcoming projects he is working on. Lena Hughes, President and CEO of Hughes Entertainment Inc. in Branson, Missouri, wrote: "Alan's new hymn arrangements are masterful and incredibly inspiring. His music takes me beyond here and now to a more beautiful and tranquil place." CD sales soared, giving Alan the opportunity to begin his next project. In July of 2005, the CD "A Voice from the Prophet: 'Come to Me'", Alan's latest accomplishment, was released as General Religious. Alan sings the songs with guest vocalists Joanne Church and daughter Katrina Gimmeson. 23 December 2005 marks the 200th birthday of Joseph Smith, founder of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The purpose of this latest CD is to show a side of Joseph Smith not widely known. "My goal was to find Joseph's favorite songs," Alan said, "and with the help of historians, I accomplished that goal." His quest also led him to songs written about Joseph after he and his brother Hyrum were martyred at Carthage Jail in Carthage, Illinois. He is now traveling the country giving performances and lectures about his discovery. "This album could be just another CD on the shelf in the stores," Alan continues. "But, when the store plays the CD, it sells." There is something about this music that people love. The Allyn House in Nauvoo, Illinois wrote: "Our store is very proud to carry Alan's CD's. The response from our customers has been enthusiastic. His talent as an accomplished musician and the rich quality of his voice has inspired many hearts." Alan will continue inspiring hearts by creating music

and performing, giving the world a refreshing taste of music, and perhaps the sounds of orange blossoms and eucalyptus trees.

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