

Mp3 Work O' The Weavers - We're Still Here



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songs The Weavers might be singing today. Some are originals, some borrowed from friends, and a couple are by former Weavers themselves. All work together to create an amalgam underscoring the musical capabilities and direction of Work o' the Weavers as something much more than simply a tribute band, but rather a group intent on picking up the torch and carrying on the musical tradition and intentionality The Weavers originated a half- century ago. #9 on the FolkDJ list for May 2007!

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