

Mp3 Kerry Rutherford - Chara River



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At times soft and vulnerable, at times edgy and rockin'... this first release of songs is so varied that it has been described as "indie-chick-newage-folk-rock." 9 MP3 Songs FOLK: Folk Blues, ROCK: Folk Rock

Details: The Songs: Capture: "No genre can describe this unique song." The Seed: "Ethereal..." Oh Mother: "A parenting guide...with an edge!" Where Love Resides: "Uplifting." Comin' Home: "Rough and energetic, like a live performance. You can't help singing along with the chorus by the end of the song." Because of You: "A love song on many levels." Take Me Somewhere: "It Rocks!" Take It: "Lots of Attitude!" Chara River: "The special effects are awesome. A ten minute journey." "The music flows like a river, sometimes through a shaded region, then quickly moves over and down a rocky slope and ultimately ends at the Oasis, the serene locus of harmony. It's like a journey that goes through quite a few mood changes. The last song is like a reflection on the journey, a discovery of truth or meaning."-A philosophical fan from Illinois Kerry Rutherford, In her own words: "Many of the songs on this CD are an expression of an inner experience which springs from a yearning to connect inside myself to a feeling that is hard to define. I love to read the poems of Kabir, Rumi and Mira, as they express the joy and longing of that inner connection. These folks are labeled as Sufi Mystic Poets of the Bhakti tradition, the path of devotion, as they personify the creator and teacher as a lover to whom they are devoted. Poems can be interpreted in many ways, and so you are free to enjoy the songs on Chara River, interpreting them as they fit your emotions and life. So many of these songs have been interpreted as love songs, perhaps written about a relationship. In reality, most of these songs were written about a love of this inner experience and about a gratitude for being alive and for teachers who directed me inside myself, to the source of it all." Kerry was given her first guitar when she was 18 years old but only played occasionally while attending the University of Washington in Seattle, where she earned a bachelors degree in

anthropology. Then she started traveling and playing more, writing and singing original tunes, eventually heading north to Alaska where she spent several years in Kodiak. She has been a floral designer, shrimp cannery worker, crab pot webber, waitress, natural food store owner, office manager, marketing director, elementary school teacher, communications workshop facilitator, computer consultant, research assistant, intuitive arts practitioner, writer, musician and mother (not necessarily in that order). Kerry studied audio engineering and midi production for several years. Portions of several of these songs were recorded at Triad Studios in the Seattle area in the summer of 2000. But when the pace of life got to hectic she packed her bags and headed to the mid-west where more of the songs were written and recorded, with the collaboration of the multi-talented David Bell, playing percussion, spanish guitar, electric guitar and bass! She finished recording and mixing Chara River at Monastic Chambers studio in New Haven, Indiana. Kerry has also published poetry, fiction and personal essays. David Bell: The multi-talented David Bell hails from Churubusco, Indiana. He completed his bachelors degree in anthropology at Indiana University and is currently pursuing a Masters Degree at Northern Illinois University. David's contribution to this CD is not only in the musical arena. His encouragement and his willingness to dedicate time and energy in a focused way were instrumental in the completion of this project. David has been playing the drums since the age of 12 and is currently drummer for The Now, a progressive Rock band with a soon to be released CD, Lucid Dreamer. He is also working on a CD of original music with the focus on Spanish guitar. Troy Date: Troy created all the special effect sounds on the title track, Chara River, using his bass guitar and lots of toys. He is very talented and creative when he has his way with electronics!

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