

Mp3 Stephanie Hardy - Skin



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understand the world much better than I ever had, she says, My writing has been greatly influenced by these changes; my style is much more honest. I think this makes my songs easier to relate to and for the listener to feel like its their own voice. Stephanies ability to carve an emotional path with music is sometimes attributed to the rugged character of her Atlantic Canada hometown of Bras d'Or. Its impossible to grow up there and not have an appreciation for music, says Stephanie, Music is evident in every corner of Cape Breton Island. Stephanies songwriting engages mind, body and place. Her music willingly explores corridors in our minds that we seldom allow ourselves to visit. As an artist, Stephanie invites us to rest awhile and linger in a suspended place of shared experiences. The result is a meaningful journey into us via each song. Ironically, a simpler journey led Stephanie to explore her talent. A VIA Rail first-class excursion train needed a solo singer/guitarist at the same time Stephanie needed a way to pay for university. Passengers encouragement spurred Stephanie to seek gigs in local pubs, where her songs quickly found an audience. For a time, I sang cover tunes since thats what I thought people wanted to hear, says Stephanie, but I began to notice an appreciation for my songs and my ability to reach people. It was then that she decided to switch gears. Today, Stephanie Hardy is moving forward full steam ahead!

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