

## Mp3 Bruce Irving - Jardin Du Luxembourg



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Melodic, mostly acoustic American pop with strong lyrics and plenty of harmonies. These songs may remind you of artists ranging from Paul Simon to the Beach Boys, James Taylor to Rodney Crowell. 13 MP3 Songs POP: Folky Pop, ROCK: Americana Details: What to listen to first? OK, so you can preview all tracks, but what if you can't take that time? As I have checked out other CD Baby artists, I realize this can sometimes be a problem. This CD is pretty diverse, so rather than limit the previews to what I think you should hear, I'll point you to what people with various tastes have told me they like best: PURE POP: Just Dancing, When You Find Love COUNTRYISH POP: Love is in the Details, Daze Like This FOLKY POP: Harbor, Jardin du Luxembourg A BIT ALT OR INDIE: Dedicated Sincere, I Used to Know About Me I've been a singer/songwriter for many years but have really gotten active writing and recording new songs in the last two or three years (often with my brother Doug Irving, [cdbaby.com/dougirving](http://cdbaby.com/dougirving)). In real life, I'm an optical engineer. Can optical engineers write romantic pop songs? Sure they can! Also some pretty eclectic or maybe even weird stuff, but almost always melodic and with thoughtful lyrics. I started writing songs when I met a group of musically creative science and engineering dorm-mates, fellow freshmen at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, back before there were CD's and the Internet (yes, we did have electricity). These CMU folks became good friends and we enjoyed making music together, mainly for fun. I formed an acoustic duo with another CMU friend, Rob Simbeck, and we performed at coffee houses and at a bar called The Casbah. We were occasionally funny and usually in tune. We called ourselves Bruce and Rob (yes, we were creative too). Rob and I did music together in Rochester, NY and in Los Angeles. Rob later moved to Nashville and I eventually made it back east to Massachusetts. I wasn't doing much music in the late 80's and early 90's, but I went through some life changes in the late 90's and met someone who inspired me to start writing again. With the powerful music

creation tools now available on PC's, I started to experiment with recording and made some pretty good demos. In late 2002, I decided to start working on a "real CD" and found a talented local producer, Roger Lavallee. Roger helped me to get the sounds I was hearing in my head but not in my basement studio. A lot of songwriters and artists have influenced me over the years. A few of the biggest are the Beatles, Paul Simon, James Taylor, Sting, Joni Mitchell, Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, Neil Young, Elvis Costello, Fleetwood Mac, Garth Brooks, Randy Newman, Rodney Crowell, and various Broadway shows. My favorite current artist is John Mayer - I think he is a wonderful songwriter. I also enjoy Dave Matthews, the Dixie Chicks, Jack Johnson, Jason Mraz, and many others. I hope you enjoy the music -- send me an email and tell me what you think (bruceirvingmusic@pobox.com). I also perform live on occasion, a few times a year so far, though I'm looking for more places to play in the Boston and Worcester, MA areas -- check my web site for schedule information.

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