

Mp3 Maura Clarke - Songs From The Somewhere



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This is a contemporary folk record with a pop flavor 12 MP3 Songs FOLK: Folk Pop, FOLK: Modern Folk

Details: I have always found it difficult to write about myself and have great admiration for those whom can write about themselves! Having grown up with Irish-Catholic roots, I had the idea that it was considered impolite to talk in a flattering way about oneself. So, with that in mind, I will try to tell you a bit about myself in a way which, hopefully, wont make either one of us cringe! Youll see from the CD cover that I learned a lot about music from my Mom, who was a music and piano teacher. My earliest memories of family are of us at my grandparents house, singing along, as Gram played , Tora Lora Lora , songs from Bing or Broadway tunes which my Mom especially loved. At some point, I learned to play the concertina Mom had bought. It sits here, at my home, now, some of the buttons are stuck and I cant remember a single, easy tune! The guitar came into my life when I was 10 years old. My two sisters are older than me and they were listening to the Beatles, the Stones, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan, Joan Baez , CSNY and artists whod played at Woodstock, to name some. Two years later, a friend of my sisters stopped by and left his 12-string guitar overnight, at our house. Wellthat was that! Mom soon traded in my 6-string for a 12-string and it became my very best friend. Theres something I love about open tuning! That year, I was invited to play a few original songs at the Friday night Coffee House, in town. That was my first gig, playing in front of all those older kids from high school. They were really kind! It went great a standing room only crowd and afterwards, while applauding, they passed me over their heads so that I could get back to the entranceway of the building! My friends and I walked to Friendlys, to celebrate with hot fudge sundaes! My family moved quite a bit while I was in high school. I grew up in Danvers, MA, then spent two years of high school in Maine, then we moved in my senior year to Long Island, NY. There, in New York, some of my teachers and I would jam after school and, with my Moms help, I made my first

demo tape in - NYC, no less! There were times, though, when I still felt homesick for the friends I had grown up with, in the Lindall Hill neighborhood of Danvers. One spring, I went to visit one of my sisters, who was living in Key West, FL. What a fun place to be a musician! I remember walking down to Mallory Dock Square, for sunset, taking my 12-string along and playing for rent money. The dock was filled with tourists and other groups of musicians, so festive! At the time, some full-length motion pictures were being filmed there and I got lots of work doing different jobs on the sets. One time, actor Woody Strode took out his guitar and started playing and singing. He said he was familiar with Maine, which surprised me! Eventually, I've ended up here, back in Maine, and with a 6-string, now. My day job is working in television production, at a local network affiliate. It's where I met my husband, Con Fullam. The station was kind enough to allow me a few months off so that I could go on a USO tour to Europe, as rhythm guitarist for a local country-rock band in 1989-90. Con and I wrote Magic In Memories, a Christmas holiday song which was used for a holiday theme song for the station one year. The song was later recorded by Canadian country music artist Joan Kennedy, on a compilation disc, which went gold in Canada. The CD was a fund-raiser for the Special Olympics. Con and I also work on our creation for kids, the "Wompkees". We have a mascot who marches in the Annual Macys Thanksgiving Day Parade and we are great supporters of the Maine Childrens Cancer Program. Well, anyway, I really, really, truly hope you like this CD, Songs from the Somewhere. I think Mom would have been proud. The main thing is to have fun and hope that these songs reach someone out there. Please keep in touch and let me know what you think; if there's a particular lyric or melody which strikes you! Thanks, and, as always, pray for peace.

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