

# “ Carrie Newcomer Press Quotes ”

	<p>“Carrie Newcomer combines a rich voice with equally rich lyrics to weave a tapestry of life and hope”</p>
	<p>“Her pure, pitch-perfect voice has a slight huskiness that conveys the "heart" in heartland,” Wayne Robins</p>
<p>The Dallas Morning News</p>	<p>She’s the kind of artist whose music makes you stop, think and then say, “that is so true.” Mario Tarradell</p>
	<p>"She (Newcomer) is to the American song what Annie Dillard (Pilgrim at Tinker Creek) and Anne Lamott (Traveling Mercies) are to storytelling. Terry Roland</p>
<p>The Boston Globe</p>	<p>A prairie mystic...</p>
<p>THE HUFFINGTON POST</p>	<p>Newcomer's "Holy As The Day Is Spent" from <i>Kindred Spirits: A Collection</i> voted one of the top ten inspirational songs of 2013 by HuffPost Spiritual Community</p>
	<p>Rapturously tuneful, Newcomer’s material asks all the right questions and refuses to settle for easy answers.</p>
	<p>She has a warm spirit, heated intelligence, burning talent, glinting with musical brightness and emotional layers.</p>
<p>Austin American-Statesman</p>	<p>I was captivated by her poise, the deceptively effortless assurance of her songwriting, and her voice, an instrument as dark, rich and luscious as Godiva chocolate.</p>
	<p>Newcomer isn’t preachy or self focused. She is a poet of reality, facing the soaring joy as well as the hard truths of powerful love. Newcomer has a gorgeous alto voice, used with intelligence and grace.</p>
	<p>With supple cords, elegant melodies and eloquent, poetic, perceptive lyrics, Newcomer crafts uplifting songs...Newcomer's spiritual journey is one worth travelling.</p>
	<p>Carrie Newcomer's fierce power of observation, deep trust in the goodness and mystery at the heart of our world and unmistakable leonine alto voice come together gorgeously</p>
	<p>A poet, who jumps secular and spiritual lines daily, ...giving language and melody to the experiences we all have.</p>
	<p>Don’t file under wimp-folk. ...She lays into her introspective songs with a passion most folkies only dream about. A little blues, a little gospel, a little pop and a whole lotta soul ...songs that ooze with underlying mystery.</p>

# “ Musician & Author Quotes ”

“I love Carrie Newcomer. She writes and sings about what is most personal to her and in doing so she speaks to the wider world. Her new CD, *The Geography of Light*, is full of gorgeous arrangements that frame her soulful vocals, and the song ‘Geodes’ will make you catch your breath with its wisdom and beauty.”

**Mary Chapin Carpenter**

“Carrie Newcomer - a great gift to humanity. Her music - a great gift to our souls.”

**Jill Bolte Taylor**, (Author of *My Stroke of Insight*)

“To my mind - a writer’s mind- Carrie Newcomer is much more than a musician. She’s a poet, storyteller, snake-charmer, good neighbor, friend and lover, minister of the wide-eyed gospel of hope and grace. All this, and she comes with a voice that declares.” Sit down here a minute and listen.” Who could ask for more?”

**Barbara Kingsolver** (Author of *The Poisonwood Bible*)

“It is a mark of spiritual range as well as artistic virtuosity when a singer-songwriter can make dance one moment, laugh the next, and then take you to a deeply moving, even prayerful place, as she touches on regret, loss, or grief, or on the wonder of being alive. Carrie’s music does all of this for me and more.”

**Parker J. Palmer**, ( *Let Your Life Speak, The Courage to Teach*)

“Its rare in this bruised world to find power coupled with tenderness, but that's what you find in Carrie Newcomer, the person and the performer, the writer and the singer. . . The artistry in these songs is dazzling, and so is the honesty.”

**Scott Russell Sanders** ( Author of *A Short History of Awe* and *Writing From the Center*)

“Carrie is a touchstone of authenticity in an image-driven, media-defined musical world. She is a beautiful singer and songwriter, and deeply refreshing.”

**Rosanne Cash**

“Carrie Newcomer inspires me. She integrates her music and lyrics with her faith and passion for justice. Her music tells stories of the lives and struggles, the hopes and dreams, of immigrants, single mothers and low-wage workers. They are stories of real life that teach spiritual truths. And hovering over all the stories “there is a spirit moving” -a spirit of hope and grace, a spirit calling us to “be not afraid.”

**Jim Wallis** (Author of *God's Politics: What the Right Gets Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get*)

“There are folks who write well and folks who sing well. But only a relative few who do both well, who can find the just-right word, match it to the just-right note, then sing it with the just-right voice. There are singers more widely known, but few who sing so lovely, so consistently beautifully year after year, each collection of songs better, stronger, more winsome, than the one before it. *The Geography of Light* will only build her legend.”

**Philip Gulley**, (Author of *If Grace is True*)

“For many of us, Carrie’s songs have become life anthems. It wouldn’t be an overstatement to say, for example, that “Holy as the Day” is a song that helps me breathe. I think *The Geography of Life* is her best collection yet. The melodies reach wide and high, the arrangements surprise and delight, and the lyrics are everything we hope for from our best songwriters. Some songs are sad and mournful, some raucous and fun, and all nudge you a little deeper into wisdom and the Spirit each time you listen with open ears and an open heart.”

**Brian McLaren**, (Author of *A Generous Orthodoxy*)

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