

# Carrie Newcomer

## Here's what other artists and authors are saying about Carrie Newcomer:

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

- Jill Bolte Taylor, author of *My Stroke of Insight*

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



Credit: Jim McGuire

"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

"One of my favorite things: a new set of songs from Carrie Newcomer. With all my favorite themes contained inside new melodies, heartbreakingly perfect production and a voice at its all-time best, I have fallen madly for this one."

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

"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?"

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"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

"It is a mark of spiritual range as well as artistic virtuosity when a singer-songwriter can make you 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 (Author of *Let Your Life Speak* and *The Courage to Teach*)

"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*)

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"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

"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*)

