



# A GREAT WILD MERCY

CARRIE NEWCOMER



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## *Track Listing*

A Great Wild Mercy

Start With A Stone

Take More Time Cover Less Ground

A Walk In The Evening Woods

Potluck

Singing In The Dark

A Book Of Questions

The Shape of a Perfect Arc

A Tissue or Two

Another Day

## *Career Highlights*

Carrie Newcomer is a songwriter, recording artist, performer, educator and activist. She has been described as a "prairie mystic" by the Boston Globe and one who "asks all the right questions" by Rolling Stone Magazine. Carrie has 20 nationally released albums on Available Light & Concord/Rounder Records including *Until Now*, *The Point of Arrival* and *The Beautiful Not Yet*. Newcomer has released three books of poetry & essays, *A Permeable Life: Poems and Essays*, *The Beautiful Not Yet: Poems and Essays & Lyrics*, and *Until Now: New Poems by Carrie Newcomer*. Her song "I Should've Known Better" appeared on Nickel Creek's Grammy-winning gold album *This Side*, and she earned an Emmy for her PBS special *An Evening with Carrie Newcomer*.

Recent appearances include PBS Religion and Ethics and Krista Tippett's *On Being*. In 2009 and 2011, Carrie was invited by the American Embassy of India to be a cultural ambassador, resulting in her interfaith benefit album *Everything is Everywhere* with master of the Indian Sarod, Amjad Ali Khan. In 2013 Carrie traveled to Kenya and the Middle East, performing in schools, spiritual communities and hospitals assisting AIDS patients. In 2016 Carrie was awarded an honorary degree in Music for Social Change from Goshen College. In 2019 she received The Shalem Institutes's Contemplative Voices Award. She co-founded *The Growing Edge* collaboration with author Parker Palmer, a podcast and project which explores human growth personally, vocationally and politically. On the online platform Substack, she offers one of the most popular music blog & newsletters with tens of thousands of readers weekly. Carrie lives in the woods near Bloomington, Indiana with her husband and two shaggy rescue dogs.

## *Description*

*A Great Wild Mercy* (Oct. 13, 2023) explores integration and living in process as we enter a post-pandemic era. The songs on this album address our personal and community longing for connection in this exhausted time marked by fear and rage. Carrie writes that she thinks of her songs as "three and a half minutes of empathy, a welcoming space where the news of the world and the news of the heart have equally important roles to play." The album expresses a deep desire to experience something life-giving and generative emerging out of relationships across differences. "Everything has brought us here," Newcomer says. "The good, the glorious, the hard as stone, the seriously stupid things that have happened. It has all mattered and helped us become the persons we are today. I've never written an album because I have an answer, I write only because I have questions. I write myself in to my next becoming."

This luminous album features Newcomer's trademark evocative and poetic lyrics, her signature alto voice dubbed as "rich as Godiva Chocolate" by The Austin American-Statesman, and lush arrangements fusing classical, folk, Americana and bluegrass influences. Contributing to the unique musical blend were bassist Paul Kowert (The Punch Brothers, Hawktail), celebrated guitarist and songwriter Jordan Tice (Hawktail), violinist Brittany Haas (Hawktail, Crooked Still, Dave Rollins Band), drummer/percussionist Jim Brock (Indigo Girls), vocalist Siri Undlin (Humbird) and Newcomer's long-time touring companion and collaborator pianist Gary Walters.

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