

About this recording...

While it has been nearly a year since Mary died, for many of us the wound is still very fresh. As I was going through several of the tapes she had sent me over the years one evening this past winter, it occurred to me that those of you who were close to her would appreciate and enjoy hearing them, too.

Much of what you will hear on this CD is Mary talking in the form of a "liquid letter," as she described it. In addition, there are several songs that she did not record for inclusion on the "Musically Musing" CD, released posthumously last June. I've also included acoustic versions of a couple of the songs that were on the CD because she had set them up by offering some background on where they came from or what inspired them, which I found quite interesting.

Finally, this compilation closes with a song of my own about her life and death. Five weeks to the day she died, I spent several hours in the same hotel room she had spent her last hours in, armed with my guitar and a six-pack of Corona purchased from the Quick Stop directly across the street. We used to always pick up some Corona to inspire us at the recording sessions for "Musically Musing," and I'm sure Mary would have done the same in this situation. I sat on her bed and talked to her, about a lot of things. I played her a few songs and was inspired to start working very diligently on this one, which was completed several weeks later. However, for the most part, it took shape and came together that evening in that room and is called "A Beauty Of The Mind."

Thanks for listening and may God bless you, Mary...

Warmly,
Chris