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GENEVIEVE Gigi MARENTETTE SONGS OF '69 Volume I

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1. **You've Made Me So Very Happy (4:58)**  
*Brenda & Patrice Holloway / Berry Gordy Jr / Frank Wilson*
2. **Easy to Be Hard (3:23)**  
*Galt MacDermot / James Rado / Gerome Ragni*
3. **Tonight I'll Be Staying Here With You (4:55)**  
*Bob Dylan*
4. **Undun (3:24)**  
*Randy Bachman*
5. **I Talk to the Wind (4:33)**  
*King Crimson*
6. **Leaving on a Jet Plane (5:12)**  
*John Denver*
7. **Lay Lady Lay (4:12)**  
*Bob Dylan*
8. **River Man (5:00)**  
*Nick Drake*
9. **These Eyes (4:52)**  
*Randy Bachman / Burton Cummings*
10. **Bad Moon Rising (3:57)**  
*John Fogerty*



**1969** was a landmark year for social activism. The Stonewall Riots, the anti-Vietnam War protests, the rise of the Chicano and women's liberation movements, the Native American occupation of Alcatraz, and the emergence of environmental activism all contributed to movements for civil rights, peace, and gender equality. In 1969, my mom, Linda, left her job at the UAW in Windsor at age 18 and moved to Toronto to help draft dodgers fleeing the Vietnam War. Her commitment to social justice, human rights, and peace echoed the ideals that inspired the musicians of that era. My mentor and dear friend, David Clayton-Thomas of Blood, Sweat & Tears, played Woodstock and now often reflects on a time when musicians were not just artists but warriors for social justice and peace. Today, David expresses frustration with global affairs, and my mom remains hopeful for the efforts of future generations. A huge thank you to my inspirators: DCT, my mom and all the social activists who continue to inspire us today. My hope for this album is that the music will bring you to a place where your hearts are filled with love and optimism. These songs are timeless—just like the messages woven into the soul of the music.







# Credits

**Alison Young** - tenor sax solo 2,4  
**Andrew Stewart** - bass 6  
**Ben Wittman** - drums 1,2,3,4,5,6,8  
**Burke Carroll** - pedal steel 7,10  
**Christian Overton** - trombone 2,4  
**Christine Bougie** - slide guitar 3  
**Drew Jurecka** - strings 1, 5  
**Eric St-Laurent** - guitar 1,2,3,4,5,6,8  
**George Koller** - bass 1,2,3,4,5,8  
**Genevieve Marentette** - all lead vocals  
**Jono Grant** - guitar 1,2,3,4,5,7, keyboards 2, bass 7,9, percussion 1,3,4,7, drums 10  
**Lori Cullen** - bg vocals 3  
**Lou Pomanti** - organ 10  
**Marie Goudy** - trumpet 2,4  
**Michael Shand** - piano 6,9,10  
**Richard Underhill** - alto, tenor & bari sax 2,4  
**Rob Christian** - tenor sax 8  
**Vezi Tayyeb** - piano & organ, 3

**Arrangements by** Genevieve Marentette and her band, string arrangements by Drew Jurecka, and horn arrangements by Jono Grant.

**Produced by** Genevieve Marentette and Jono Grant.

**Recorded by** Jono Grant, Rob Christian, Jeremy Darby & Julian Decorte at Victory Drive, RC Studio & Canterbury Music Company.

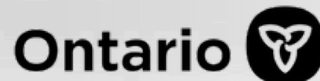
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**Love to you all.** xo Gigi





