



Amy Speace - CD Songs For Bright Street

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'Songs For Bright Street' by Amy Speace & The Tearjerks is a piece of nu-country magic - superbly crafted, rammed with lyrical reality, overflowin' with instrumental brilliance. Oh, and then there's those Amy Speace vocals - simply stunning!! Country music at its grittiest, most tangible and outrageous best!

Taking in all sorts of emotions Speace demonstrates here that country music still has such an awful lot to offer - especially when it's handled in a modern way and with such feeling and dedication. 'Songs For Bright Street' is cool, sensual, ballsy and tantalising all at once. Amy Speace's vocals are poised, graceful and precise yet sturdy and gritty - her songs are tough and brooding, homely and honest. Speace absolutely 'cracks' the genre - 'Songs For Bright Street' is a real pearl; homely, organic, perfectly rounded, polished and a valuable reminder that the form of 'country' music isn't cast in concrete and isn't immovable - it's a flexible entity that can be vibrant, evocative, truly worthy and all-encompassing.

Baltimore's Amy Speace injects massive feeling into her straight-talkin' lyrics and between her and The (excellent) Tearjerks they infuse a gritty wholesomeness into the genre. With guitars ranging from crying resonat steel to scowlin' slide, to earthy pickin', this combo bring new hope and fresh passion to the often maligned and frequently misunderstood form that is loosely country-folk. Instrumentally perfect, vocally supreme - you really have to hear this album to fully appreciate its natural beauty. It's a little gem with real heart, genuine soul and great passion.

'Songs For Bright Street' by Amy Speace is a rare beauty. Perfect in form and stunning in its execution - a real American Beauty!!

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(Rhythm & Booze rating 10)