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I really haven't thought about this album in years. It was one of the first Christian albums I ever listened to. Throw in the fact that it was recorded by a good friend of mine, Nori Kelley, and that makes it sweeter.

I met Nori in 1980. Don Rakestraw and I were driving somewhere when we stopped to talk with him. Don introduced me and I sat silent listening to them talk. Nori had just finished production on SPRING RAIN, his first album. You have to remember that this was before there was such a thing as Contemporary Christian Music. Oh...it was out there to be purchased, but not in any retail store, and Gadsden only had one source for it...CHRISTIAN BROS. RECORDS.

I said all of that to get to this point: When I first listened to Spring Rain, I thought it was a "good" album. Some of the songs really didn't fit my taste in music, but I knew enough to recognize the talent and heart that I was listening to. Years come and years go and we move on to other things. I played bass with Nori for a number of years. First in a group called PERMANENT WAVE and then on his worship team. It was always a pleasure to get to be with Nori and to watch him play. Thoughts of the SPRING RAIN album disappeared from my mind.

Last night, while visiting Nori and Barbie's (WIND) web site, I saw where they were offering free downloads of SPRING RAIN. I downloaded. What I have now found, after 27 years, is that SPRING RAIN is a breath of fresh air in a crowded, sound alike world. The simplicity of the songs, not to mention the heart of the content of the lyrics, stirred me like I haven't been stirred in a long time.

I would highly recommend that you visit WIND (Nori and Barbie's band name - <http://windmusic.us>) and download this album. It also features back up vocals from Don and Jenny Rakestraw as well as guitar by Brook Finlayson.

Sometimes things do get sweeter as the years past. Thank you Lord for this small gift, and bless Nori and Barbie wherever they are today.

God on you.....Michael Bynum