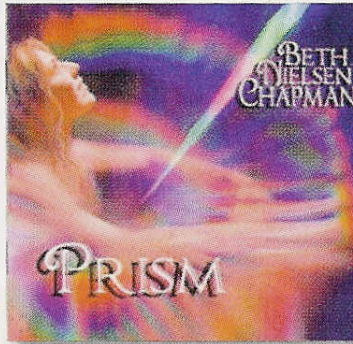


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Beth Nielsen Chapman



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Remarkable songs-of-praise set by fine Nashville singer-songwriter.

Having survived cancer – which killed her husband – Chapman spent several years piecing together this diverse 2-CD offering. OK, it's religious, and many might find that off-putting. But the quality of the songwriting is impressive, befitting a writer whose creations have been covered by Elton John, Bonnie Raitt, Willie Nelson, Emmylou Harris and others. Chapman is hardly your everyday hymn-hoister, although she sings *For The Beauty Of The Earth*, a Sunday school favourite from 1894, and the traditional *Be Still My Soul*. But elsewhere Chapman raps in rewarding fashion in *My Religion (Sweet Love)* before moving on to provide a nod to differing religions and beliefs with the inclusion of Hebrew, Welsh, Navajo, Tibetan and Zulu material, the latter suggested by Archbishop Tutu.

Fred Dellar