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Guy Clark – “Somedays the Song Writes You”

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In the world of songwriters, Guy Clark is one of the gems. He’s continuously creates solid and timeless classics (“Desperados Waiting For A Train,” “New Cut Road”) since his first record in 1975. And the ten new tunes on his latest album, *Somedays the Song Writes You* are no exception.

Though the first and title track highlights the intangible relationship between the words and the writer it’s difficult to fathom Guy sitting down at a loss for a rhyme. Still, as Guy sings in Hemmingway’s Whiskey, “a good muse is hard to find” for even the best of the best.

On the disc are songs of love and heartbreak (*All She Wants Is You*), depression (*One Way Ticket Down*) and recovery (*Maybe I Can Paint Over That*).

The Guitar is a mysterious and haunting narrative about a pawn shop instrument and one of the two co-writes with Verlon Thompson (who also plays guitar and harmonica on the record).

Other co-writers include Rodney Crowell (Eamon) and three younger songwriters – Jedd Hughes (Hollywood), Ashley Monroe and Patrick Davis (*Wrong Side of the Tracks*, *The Coat*).

Keeping with his custom of including a Townes Van Zandt number on each of his record, Guy recorded *If I Needed You*. Guy wisely allows the beauty and personal significance (Townes was living with Guy and his wife when he wrote it in a dream) of the song to shine through by staying true to the original.

Other players on the record include Kenny Malone (drums), Bryn Davies (upright bass, cello, harmony vocals), Shawn Camp (mandolin, fiddle, slide guitar).

Somedays The Song Writes You will be released on the Dualtone label Sept. 22.