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All songs written by Linda Allen, except for lyrics, as noted.*

Most of these songs (not including Bonus Tracks) were written in October of 2011, where Linda served as a resident artist with Holden Village, a remote retreat center located in the Cascade Mountains.

Lyrics and Notes:

1: *I Will Comfort You*

Like a warm breeze, on a winter's day
Like a kind word that a friend will say
Like a candle keeping the dark away
I will comfort you.

2: *Let Love Melt* Words: Rabindranath Tagore
Let love melt into memories, and pain into song.

3: *Follow the Light*

Follow the light, holy light
Follow the light home
Follow the light, holy light
Follow the light home
Follow the song, etc.
Follow the love, etc.

4: *Carry Us Through This Night* lyrics: Gustavson
Carry us through this night
Into the promise of morning

5. *Dancing in the Light*

When my friend, musician Tom Hunter was dying...he spoke of how everything was music. It reminded me of a Rumi poem: "We have fallen into the place where everything is music".

We are dancing in the light
Where everything is music

6. *If You Cannot Speak*

If you cannot speak my friend
I will hear you
If you cannot see, my friend
I will sing for you
If you cannot hear, do not fear
I will be with you
I will hold you in love, my friend
On your journey home

7: *Knitting Lessons*

When you're knitting along and you reach a spot

Where something goes wrong, and you're facing a knot
Don't reach for the scissors to deal with the mess
Gently untangle, that's usually the best.

8. *Sometimes We Were Angels*

Sometimes we were angels
Sometimes we were not
Sometimes we knew we were living in glory
Sometimes, we forgot

But we were always cherished
Like the morning loves the dove
Like the ocean loves the thirsty river
We were always loved.

9. *Psalm*

I feel like a child in a hurricane
Nothing to hold in the wind and rain
Where is the God of the still, small voice
To take me home again

Come to me now, let me hear your song
Let me feel your touch 'til the storm has gone
You are the God of the still, small voice
Come and take me home

10 *May Forgiveness Come Down*

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you. –Lewis Smedes

May forgiveness come down like a gentle rain
May your heart let go of the anger and pain
May your spirit rise up, may you love again
May you now be free

11: *Settle My Heart, Holy One*

Settle my heart, holy one
Slow my breath, holy one
Calm my spirit, let love surround fear
Settle my heart, holy one

12: *My Whole Heart* words: Robert Browning

My whole heart rises up in thanksgiving

13: *When You Let Go*

Chorus: When you let go, you'll be carried along
On the breath of a song
All will be well

v.1 The cloud lets go of the rain, to be carried home again
And the leaf falls away from the tree, Glad to be falling free

v.2 When you let go you will know
How this moment will gently unfold
You'll be held in the arms of such peace,
In the lap of the great mystery.

14: *I Will Lie Down*

I will lie down and sleep in peace, I will lie down and sleep.
I will lie down and sleep in peace, I will lie down in peace.

15. *Take Off These Shoes*

Take off these shoes, they pinch my toes
I don't need 'em anymore
Where I'm goin', I'm bound for glory
Just beyond that golden door

Take off this coat, the sleeve's too short, etc.
Take off these pants, I've popped a button, etc.
Take off this body, blood and bones, etc.

16: *Who Will Care for You?* ©2010 Linda Allen

I wrote this for my sister, Kathy, who was my mother's primary caretaker before Mom died in November, 2011. Kathy took on this role with such grace and commitment, and so much love.

Sittin' at the table at the end of your day
Tryin' to read, but the words dance away
And you're too tired to notice how your life slips away
Who will care for you?
Chorus: Who will care for you? When your day is through?
You've been working as hard as you can
Cooking and cleaning and holding her hand
But there's not a soul that you know understands
Who will care for you?
You sleep for an hour, maybe for two
Then you hear her cry out, you put on your shoes
Change her nightgown and sheets, do what you can do
But who will care for you?

You do it for love, you do it for pride
You hide all the anger and fear deep inside
And you hope for an angel with her arms open wide
Who will care for you?

17. *Circle Me, Sisters*

Sometimes I'm happy, Sometimes I'm free
Sometimes I can't break, These chains around me

Circle me, sisters, Drink the cool waters
Sing me down softly, let me go home
If I had the strength, Lord, if I had the time
I'd learn how to sing, I'd learn how to fly CHORUS
But I don't feel like singin', go no wings to fly
But if you circle me, sisters, I'll learn bye and bye CHORUS

18: *Invocation* (Greeting card quote revised):
Dear God, hear my prayer
Holy One, please understand
Help me God, to be the person
That my dog thinks, that my dog thinks, that my dog thinks
That I am

Bonus tracks:

- 19: *Lay It Down* (from ***Lay It Down: Images of the Sacred***)
- 20: *Ashes & Smoke* (from ***Where I Stand***)
- 21: *There Will Be an Answer* (from ***The Long Way Home***)
- 22: *Credo* (from ***The Long Way Home***)
- 23: *The Old Moon Rocks in the New Moon's Arms* (from ***The Long Way Home***)
- 24: *Round for the Black Madonna* (from ***Where I Stand***)
- 25: *Nothing's More Important than Love* (from ***Lay It Down: Images of the Sacred***)
- 26: *Echo Song* (from ***The Long Way Home***)
- 27: *Compassionate Eyes* (from ***Where I Stand***)
- 28: *Winter Round* (from ***Where I Stand***)