

Jeannette Petkau

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Langley's Petkau goes Beyond Reason

▫ **Jeannette Petkau: *Beyond Reason*, 2001**

On her third release, this Langley musician teams up with Chris Janz, a talented Fraser Valley singer/songwriter who has also just released his own, self-titled album. The music for all the songs...and the lyrics for several of them...was written by Janz, who produced the CD, and who also plays several instruments and provides backing vocals; the lyrics for more than half the songs were co-authored by Petkau.

Highlights include 'Power to Change', a worthy anthem for the high-profile Campus Crusade for Christ evangelistic media campaign, which Petkau has been participating in; 'Dryland', a powerful song featuring some tasty, subtle drumming; and the slow, worshipful 'My Life for You', enhanced by Janz's tin flute, and beautifully arranged. There are consistently excellent harmonies throughout.

The lyrics are generally straightforward expressions of faith, reflecting everyday struggles and the joy found in Christ. A good example is 'I Wish I Was Perfect', which concludes: "But if I was perfect / I guess I'd still be blue / 'Cause if I was perfect / Then I wouldn't need You."

Petkau projects a genuinely upbeat quality -- and the clear conviction of someone who has overcome obstacles to faith, and who wants to share her testimony.

