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I grew up listening to country music. The radio was always on and I soon discovered that not only did I love to listen, but I also loved to sing along. And the more I listened, the more I realized that it was a powerful tool for me to express myself. I remember having the record player ready for the moment my dad would be returning home for a long trip away from home. As soon as he stepped in door I turned it on... the song on the record was "Hello Stranger" by The Carter Family. I couldn't quite understand why the song made my mom cry, I was just expressing how I felt, and it took me many years to figure out that music was my direct connection to my heart and soul, and later on my direct connection to my Creator. But before I figured that out, I had decided that if I pursued my dream of being a famous singer I could be then be "somebody". And I pursued that dream for a while. But my Creator had a different plan for me. And what a beautiful life it has become; writing inspirational music and sharing it to help others on their spiritual path. The first real glimpse of the spiritual significance music had in my life came with the very first song I wrote called "One More Mile To Go". That song threw the doors to my heart and soul wide open, and thus my spiritual journey began. A journey from my head to my heart and soul, and to having a renewed relationship with my Creator.

I had grown up believing in God but didn't always agree with all the teachings and I definitely had strong ideas about the destruction I had seen in the world in the name of God and religion. And so it was that music helped me to begin a new journey which has included seeking ways to help others heal and grow, to reconnect with themselves and each other, as well promote religious tolerance and appreciation of other religious cultures and diversity. This journey has lead me to having a deeper understanding of the significance in having a direct connection with my Creator through music, whether I am writing to or taking dictation from the true writer of all the songs I put to paper... God!

As a Metis woman I have also learned through music that my spirituality is my great strength, as it is for all Aboriginal people who stay connected to their Creator. And with this connection, I am able to now say that instead of singing to being somebody, I sing to share the songs that the Creator whispers into my ear so that they too can hear what needs to be heard. When I wrote "One More Mile To Go" in 1985, I decided there and then that it would be the title of my first CD. And I stuck with that plan until I wrote a song called "Spirit Whispers". It was then that I really realized that it had been the Creator all along, whispering to me all the songs I had written. I knew then that my first CD would be titled "Spirit Whispers" and so it was. Music is the language of



angels and one of God's ways to communicate with us and us with each other. So again thank you for this opportunity to share these thoughts!



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