
Songs (Mostly New): Topical Songs

Recordings in this section of the catalogue contain, for the most part, newly composed material. There are occasional traditional songs on the albums, but they are all mostly new material. We have selected albums by Canadians who are writing materials that reflect the Canadian landscape. The first sub-section contains topical songs. It is followed by a larger section that is arranged alphabetically by the performer's last name.

There are a number of artists missing from this section. To understand this, it is important to know how we approached our research. We surveyed folk festival programmes from the past three years and developed a list of performers. We then wrote any of these for whom we could locate addresses. If an artist is not listed, then, it is either because we could not find an address or that they did not respond to our inquiry. Any help locating these artists would be welcomed.

Bombs Over Heaven/The Infinite Edge performed by Pat Buckna and Moon Joyce

This 45 RMP disc contains two songs from the current anti-nuclear campaign in Canada. Both are very fine songs written by northern artists who have strong views about Cruise testing in Canada. Proceeds from the sale go to Operation Dismantle.

<i>Stock number:</i>	<i>Cost:</i>	<i>Member's price:</i>
WRC32981	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.50

Bald Eagle performed by Vera Johnson

This live recording from a British folk club offers great insight into the talent of one of Canada's finest topical song writers. Vera pulls no punches when she addresses a number of issues with her wit and musical talent. Includes The Do-it-yourself Divorce, Oh Canada and Pierre Trudeau.

<i>Stock number:</i>	<i>Cost:</i>	<i>Member's price:</i>
BOS7151	\$10.00	\$ 8.00

For and Against: Topical Songs by Jim Payne

This cassette contains a number of songs commenting on current affairs in both Newfoundland and at the national level. Jim Payne is fine traditional singer and these songs all are made by him in response to various events and situations.

<i>Stock number:</i>	<i>Cost:</i>	<i>Member's price:</i>
V1984	\$10.00	\$ 8.00

What Shall I Wear to the Revolution? performed by Nancy White

A sampler of Nancy's great topical material. Includes a number of songs from CBC's "Sunday Morning" as well as some others written for specific events (e.g. a peace concert in Germany).

<i>Stock number:</i>	<i>Cost:</i>	<i>Member's price:</i>
C3	\$10.00	\$ 8.00

That's What I Believe performed by Vera Johnson with Cathy Fink and Duck Donald

A variety of original material touching on a wide range of topics such as pollution, getting older, woman's liberation and religion.

<i>Stock number:</i>	<i>Cost:</i>	<i>Member's price:</i>
S001	\$10.00	\$ 8.00

Less current topical material can also be found in the Traditional Song section of the catalogue. Of note are: some of the songs in "Canada's Story in Song" ("Singing Our History") and "We Have Fed You All 1000 Years" under Geographical Samplers; and "Towards the Sunset" and "Come Hell or High Water" listed under Newfoundland.