

## **...to folk radio June 2019**

artist: **Leah Kaufman**

album: "**Midnight Refrain**"

label: Boojum Music

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Leah is from Raleigh, NC

there is *no* explicit language on this CD

In the 1990's, Seattle singer-songwriter **Leah Kaufman** released three recordings with popular acoustic quintet The Wailing Strangers and her own solo debut CD, 'Five Fingers'. Performing in festivals and venues throughout the Northwest, her songs garnered songwriting awards and accolades from the South Florida Songwriting Competition, Intermountain Acoustic Music Association, Mid-Atlantic Songwriting Competition and the Austin Songwriting Competition. In 2015 she relocated to Raleigh, North Carolina, and in 2017 re-emerged with "On to Something Fine" — eloquent acoustic music that dances between genres with an ear-catching voice that pulls you in to each song's unique story. Her new album, "**Midnight Refrain**," builds on these strengths: songs with melodies that stick like glue and lyrics that tell stories you love hearing. An accomplished finger-style guitar player as well as fine flat-picker, each song holds true to a common core of exquisite lyrics, fine guitar work and a clear strong voice.

*produced by renowned songwriter and 2019 International Blues Challenge winner **Jon Shain**  
all songs by Leah Kaufman*

1. **Patchwork Heart** (2:51) our heart — love and heartbreak; *everyone's got a patchwork heart, stitch it up when it falls apart*
2. **Bless The Train** (4:26) poignant, waltz; returning home, to the past: *running back home won't fix things that she broke*
3. **Count the Stars** (2:41) slow jazzy love song; *poets and singers slave every day to describe the wonders of the heart*
4. **Gauley River** (4:59) love, separation, loss; waiting for a lover: *I knew then that my love was lost on the river's shore*
5. **Bitter Heart Blues** (2:58) cold, dark, slow blues: *this cold bitter heart remembers spark, an ember buried in the dark*
6. **Mercy Me** (4:35) *happy* blues; finger-snapping down-on-your-luck, no love, no money: *left me with this mournful tune*
7. **You're My Rocking Chair** (4:13) the healing and kinship found in music: *come step through the doorway of this house built by song, you'll find that there's room enough for all*
8. **Tiny Wings** (4:35) the devastating power of sadness; loss, grieving: *memories... turn into tiny wings that lift and mend*
9. **Take this Song With You** (2:47) a song and blessing for the road: *when the miles make you crazy it can bring you home*
10. **Postcards from Dog Heaven** (3:35) live performance with spoken word intro; letters of endearment from a beloved friend

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