

SIR 379 I Can Sing A Rainbow

vocal by: Cherish Bristow

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ORIGINAL MUSIC DETAILS: WRITER: A. Hamilton
PUBLISHERS: WB Music Corp. OBO Mark VII Music Ltd.

Original artist: Cilla Black

This is a popular children's classic song written by Arthur Hamilton, which was featured on Cilla Black's second solo studio album "Cilla Sings A Rainbow" released on April 18, 1966 by Parlophone Records; the album reached number 4 on the UK Album Chart. Cilla Black is an English singer, actress and television performer who was discovered by Brian Epstein, the Beatles' manager in 1963; she went on to become the best paid female presenter in British television history and is still extremely popular.

We chose to record this track in a style that reflected, as far as possible, the original feel of the song – but using our Nashville players. An important part of the team, who is featured on this track, is Sam Levine – on Flute and Saxophone. The end result is a very smooth "nursery rhyme" song that contains all the innocence and charm of the original track. As well as being a super song for a caller to sing, it's also one that you can use to encourage the dancers to "sing-a-long"; a real "slo-down" Square Dance!

Additional Lyrics:

Red and yellow and pink and green
Orange and purple and blue
I can sing a rainbow, Sing a rainbow
Sing a rainbow too!

Listen to your heart, Listen to your heart
And sing everything you feel
I can sing a rainbow, Sing a rainbow
Sing a rainbow too

Listen with your eyes, Listen with your ears
and sing everything you see
I can sing a rainbow, sing a rainbow
sing along with me

Where, When and Who produced the music:

This was part of the thirteenth group of releases on Sting and Snow that were recorded in Nashville, during September 2008. A total of Ten songs were recorded during this session, which was the eighth to be arranged and produced by Paul Bristow. On this occasion, Paul had his Goddaughter – Ria Hepden and her Father – Ron Hepden (Special Guest Caller on Sting), to help with "decisions"!

As in previous years, the music features the top musicians in Nashville: Gregg Galbraith – as band leader playing all Lead Guitars, Doug Jernigan on Steel and Dobro, Roger Morris on Piano and Keyboards, Fiddle by Rob Hojacos, Larry Paxton on Bass Guitar, Bruce Watkins playing Rhythm Guitar and Banjo and Jerry Kroon on Drums. For the second year running we had Sam Levine on all the "Reeds" (Saxophone, Flute, Clarinet etc). As always Kevin McManus (studio owner) was the engineer.

Acknowledgement to Royal Records:

We are indebted to Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine who introduced us to the studio in Nashville and invited us to use the top-of-the-line professional session musicians that they had assembled, to play for Royal Records.