

Bill Staines

What Other People Are Saying About Bill

"Bill Staines has been my hero since 1977. He carries on where Woody left off-carrying on the tradition of stories and characters you wish you knew." - Nanci Griffith

"Staines is one of the best songwriters in folk music today, penning lyrics that evoke a sense of place and a generous spirit to go along with his pretty melodies." - Associated Press

"Staines is one of folk music's best songwriters and entertainers." - Milwaukee Journal

"There is no better writer of instantly memorable singalong choruses in this genre of music!" - The Boston Globe

"His gentle lilting voice, spacious melodies and common-chord lyrics give his songs a homespun grace that often belies his mastery of the folk form. He is such a pure pleasure too, people forget to notice how damn good at the job of singer-songwriting he really is." - New England Folk Almanac

"Folk singer Bill Staines' compositions recall the paintings of Grandma Moses - simple, literal and evocative of a bucolic tranquility that modern times have almost erased." - Hartford Courant

"Bill Staines is one of our very best folk and country singer/songwriters. He's a New Englander who dreams of open plains and vast, Western skies, and damn his soul, he writes better cowboy songs than anybody in the Southwest." - The Houston Post

"Bill Staines is a prototypical singer/songwriter, long on the anecdote, quick with the quip, not a stranger to his character's plights and/or escapades. He's an old hand at selling you the kind of truisms that crop back into your consciousness a few days after his tunes have floated off into the ether." - The New Paper (Providence)

"One of the most admired and imitated writers on the contemporary folk circuit.. [He writes] pensive, probing narratives made especially memorable by their ability to translate the common details of common lives into songs of uncommon eloquence and beauty." - The Austin American-Statesman

"He is a poet with Insight about a world that many of us let pass by. He is a storyteller with a gift for transporting the listener into the body of his songs." - The Record Roundup

"A craftsman who has cobbled together evocative details, pithy aphorisms and singalong melodies into a trunkful of unassuming, marvelous songs." - The Washington Post