

Hello Lana!

As expected, the package you sent arrived here last August 16 and I have already listened to your CD several times. Every month I receive like thirty or forty CDs by singers who shouldn't even be allowed to sing in the shower and it makes me wonder why on Earth their producers wasted their money on them. On the other hand, there are those great artists, with great CDs, top notch production and a terribly appealing song selection who should be huge stars and are not... yet. Fortunately your case fits the second category!

I have received music by artists produced by Dick McVey before (R. Caldwell, Brian Austin, etc.) and I see Dick doesn't waste his time and money on people who don't deserve it. Yours is a beautiful CD which should be the envy of many "famous" artists recording for a big label. But in their cases, many times there are three or four songs worth listening to and then the rest are just fillers, written by their producer and included in the CD just to satisfy their ego/pocket.

In your case it is evident that you have chosen material that you like and it shows in your voice and interpretation. Your voice is clear and warm, you have a perfect command of it and you can vary feelings and emotions from tender ballads to more rocking tunes. The songs range from the pleasant to the great and there many which should become hits.

If you like Lari White's songs (as this is clear in your CD) she should be more than proud since you have improved her own tunes. Your version of "If I'm Not Already Crazy" has a beautiful steel guitar work at the beginning (which was practically non-existent in the original) which establishes the sadness of the song right from the start—there's nothing sadder than the crying of a steel guitar and in this case it fits perfectly well with the lyrics and your heartfelt performance. "Go On" also shows more energy than Lari's version. Nice version of "Dancing Round and Round", a song recorded by Olivia Newton-John way back in the 70s when she was country. "Sidetracked" is by far my favorite and I will be playing it in high rotation. Other songs I will play throughout the year are tracks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7.

You have come up with a great CD, with strong arrangements and clean production, effortless, beautiful performances, stunning looks and good choice of material. What else could anyone ask for? You definitely have a winner here and deserve to gain a following with it.

I am sorry for the length of this message. I hope these comments help and encourage you somehow. Once again, thanks for your time, help and effort and keep it country!!

Raúl J. Tejeiro  
Top Country Hits - CMA 96768

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Lana Kress is one of the most incredible people I know when it comes to working in the recording studio. When an act comes to Nashville and they tell me they are going to complete an entire album in a short period of time, I usually laugh and say "Right". BUT... Lana Kress totally blew me away with her professionalism and the way she had worked with the music tracks and was able to breeze through the songs with the greatest of ease. I must say I was worried that we wouldn't get finished with the project in the time she allotted but she not only got through the songs, she gave them that believability that is so much necessary in a country project. There was also a rare touch of magic in the studio during this album and a creative producer/artist chemistry that is hard to explain. This is truly one of my best works and I hope Lana feels it is one of hers.

Dick McVey, Producer  
Tennessee

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I am from New Zealand and really love the sound of Lana's CD. I recently stumbled across her name by accident while browsing another site.

I cannot believe that Lana is not up there with the "best" (but I'm sure she will be one day). I always think it is a shame when artists don't sell their CDs through the likes of Amazon.com & CDNow.com etc, as I would have purchased this a long time ago. I also have friends and relatives here and in Australia who are really into country music who rely on those type of sources for new artists. Country music is not very big at all here in New Zealand. I totally agree with a lot of the comments made by Raúl J. Tejeiro, and believe that she has a promising future if she manages to make herself widely known (by the way I have all of Lari Whites CDs!!)

In closing, I would like to wish Lana all the best for her future career.

Regards

Iona

HUGE Country Fan

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Hello Lana!!!

I received the package this morning, thank you very much. I'm listening the CD... Its very nice and you have a great voice. I like very much "If I'm not already crazy"...

Ciao, kisses from Italy... Andrea Parodi

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"Be Careful What You Wish For" introduces Lana as a strong singer, who has matched a voice to both thoughtful lyrics and attention-holding arrangements. As many listening options as there are available in country music, this CD gives me the strong expectation that her star will rise. I'm glad I met her this early.

Fred Dickey

Oregon

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I want to thank you, Lana, for my "Be Careful What You Wish For" CD. In this chaotic age of "anything goes" entertainment, it's both refreshing and uplifting to hear someone still paying attention to the beauty and meaning a song can deliver—beauty and meaning once taken for granted in American music and yet today almost completely unavailable.

My family members have already purchased your CD for themselves and I would like to purchase five additional copies to distribute to friends and acquaintances. I haven't been this excited about the music industry in years. In fact, I'm finally having a CD player installed in my car and thanks to you, I'll actually enjoy something current as I drive. What a pleasant surprise! I was starved for something this good.

Dan Lee

Kentucky

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Congratulations on your CD!! It really is a great CD and anyof the record labels would be foolish to pass you up.

Kari McDonald  
Oregon

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I have listened to your CD several times. In fact I had it in the CD player in the car when I was on my way home from the office tonight. You did a great job on it and I hope you make many more. Sonnie and I both like country music. She has listened to it also and likes it. Singing is not something I can do so I am always envious of people who can sing. Keep up the good work. Let us know if you cut more CDs

Ken Kyes  
Colorado

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Normally not a C&W or Country avid listener, I had the opportunity to hear your CD titled "Be Careful What You Wish For". It was wonderful to ENJOY, your voice, the rhythm, the words, everything. Thank you for sharing your talent, and I am truly looking forward to more CDs that entertain and reward the listener no matter their prior music preferences, from classical to rock or jazz.

David Palenshus  
Washington

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I just finished listening to your fabulous CD. First of all, it really is a great CD—every song is enjoyable to listen to. My favorite was "Let Me Be The One" and I thought you wrote an excellent song with "Step Away". They were all good songs.

I have a very high-end set of headphones that picks up everything on the CD and you came across so well. You do have a beautiful voice and use it well to make great renditions of the songs. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to your first album—you sure put a good one together.

If I were to write a testimonial for your CD, here's how it would read:

"Be Careful What You Wish For" is a hit packed album performed by Lana Kress - a refreshing new talent with a dynamic voice that captivates her audience.

It's hard today to find an album loaded with hit songs, especially a first album. "Be Careful What You Wish For" is one of those rare album gems that comes along once in a blue moon. Lana Kress, a hot new talent, performs her music with the enthusiasm and passion that only a singer/songwriter knows.

"Be Careful What You Wish For" is performed by Lana Kress, a singer/songwriter with a voice filled with passion and charm that sings hit after hit on her debut album.

She's good and so is her music—and I'm not predominately a "country music genre" listener. So you really have an unbiased opinion.

Bob Hoffman  
Georgia

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