

## KATIE'S HISTORICAL DISCOGRAPHY

--In Order of Their Publication--

### **SPICY SONGS FOR COOL KNIGHTS**

- Specialty Records. - 1956

I was in Miami, singing at Murray Freeman's Club. Bud Freeman - then working for the Specialty label--called from Hollywood asking if I'd be interested in making an album of folk songs. Wow! Would I ever! It was my first commercial record. I left for Hollywood as soon as my gig was over.

*Spicy Songs For Cool Knights - Song titles*

The Knight

Johnny Ringo

Little Willie and the Elevator

My Mother Chose My Husband

Little Willie Found Some Dynamite

Venezuela

Poor Miss Bailey

Little Willie and the Cat

The House of the Rising Sun

Blow the Candles Out

Lavender Cowboy

Little Willie in the Sweetest of Sashes

Lotsa Money

Little Willie in the Well

The Eddystone Light

The Frozen Logger

Little Willie's Sister Ruth

Woman, Go Home

### **SONGS OF COUCH AND CONSULTATION**

- Commentary Records - 1957

I can't believe that this was the second album I made, complete with a huge band and several fabulous musicians. (I'm a folksinger, after all - this spoof on psychoanalysis is more like musical comedy!) It was done in Hollywood in two sessions with Bob Thompson arranger and director; Bud Freeman--with his own label now wrote the lyrics--and Leon Pober, the music. In those days the famous musicians were under contract to the big companies like Victor, Decca, Columbia, and weren't supposed to be playing for others ; but many of them worked on the side as studio musicians. As long as their names did not appear on the record jacket it was cool. Our heady crew included Andrew Previn & Joe (Fingers) Car on piano; Howie Roberts on guitar; Red

Callender and Red Mitchell on base; Shelly Mann on drums; Leroy Vinegar, and another big name I can't remember on sax. I know one of the musicians was June Christy's husband at the time. I play guitar on Hush Little Sibling.

*Songs of Couch and Consultation - Song titles*

Shrinker Man  
The Will to Fail  
The Guilty Rag  
Stay as Sick as You Are  
Hush Little Sibling  
Real Sick Sounds  
Repressed Hostility Blues  
I Can't Get Adjusted to the You Who Got Adjusted to Me  
Schizophrenic Moon  
Properly Loved  
Gunslinger (A Ballad for Adult Westerns)  
It Must Be Something Psychological

**LIFE IS JUST A BED OF NEUROSES**

- Victor Records - 1960

Victor Records decided they wanted to get in on the act, so they hired a bunch of popular songwriters to whip up some sick-psycho songs, then called me to do the singing. They'd obviously heard C&C. Ray Martin was the arranger-conductor. It was recorded at Victor Studios, NYC. I play guitar on 2 cuts.

*Life Is Just a Bed of Neuroses - Song titles*

Life Is Just a Bed of Neuroses  
Case History  
Why Johnny  
Love That Man  
Mental Blocks  
Be Miserable  
The Ballad of Group Therapy  
We Must Adjust  
The Insecure Tango  
Don't  
The Get Well March  
When I Was a Little Girl

**THE BEST OF KATIE LEE - Live at the Troubadour**

- Horizon Records - 1962

Actually, the worst. This wasn't exactly the flowering of my musical career. Nobody could figure out (agents) who, what, where I was - or if, why, when I am. I'd played the Troubadour before, but this wasn't

even my best gig there. Anyhow they decided to record it. The only good thing: I got Howie Roberts and Red Callender to come help me out on a few of the songs.

*The Best of Katie Lee – Live at the Troubadour – Song titles*

The West Bromish Lady  
Stavin' Chain  
No Hits No Runs No Errors  
Mary Had A Little Lamb  
Motet For Maidenheads  
I'm Gonna Live This Life  
Three Street Cries  
When I Was A Little Girl  
Mighty Low Noon  
In Atlanta  
Miss Otis Regrets  
The Timothy  
Tom Bollyn

**FOLK SONGS & POEMS OF THE COLORADO RIVER**

- Folkways Records - 1964

Compiled from my research of songs, and poems set to song, about this great river. Moe Asch of that famous folk label recorded me in their primitive New York studio and I prepared the eight page booklet of the history of these songs I'd been hunting down for ten years, adding some of my own that now are history as well. Many well known writers and river historians were contacted during that time; one amusing response stands out: "To me it seems natural that there aren't any. The river area has always been the least populated area of the country, and the people who have known it best are the Indians who don't sing in our tradition" Frank Waters.

*Folk Songs & Poems of the Colorado River - Song titles*

Muddy River  
The Canyoneers  
Drinking Song  
Kavitatin' Katie  
Song of the Boatman  
Tale of the Tickaboo  
Pore Colly Raddy  
Rapids Ahead  
River Lullaby  
The Ghosts of Old San Juan  
Two Little Flies  
When the Colorado Rises  
Hippopotami

Through This World

**LOVE'S LITTLE SISTERS** CD

- Katydid Books & Records - 1975

Recorded at Mickey Hart's (Grateful Dead) Studio in Novato, CA.

Basically, this is a recording of a 45 minute show I was doing in concerts; many great songs strung together with two famous folk blues--The House of the Rising Sun & Sister of the Cross of Shame.

Some composers, other than myself: Harry Nilsson, Kris Kristofferson, Tom Paxton, Travis Edmonson.

Loves Little Sisters - Song titles

House of the Rising Sun

Sisters of the Cross of Shame

In a Prominent Bar

Mournin' Glory Story

Down The Line

Cut Down In Her Prime

Charlotte's Epitaph

Silverheels Casey's Last Ride

Frontier Genealogy

Hermione's Epitaph

The Flower of Virginia City

Fire Company

Louise

Piece on the Prairie

The Hooker

**COLORADO RIVER SONGS** CD from Cassette - 1998

- Katydid Books & Music - 1976

The old, the very old, and the new river tunes. All nineteen of them by river rats and songwriters. I treasure Ed Abbey's quote on one of his famous postcards to me: "Anyone who loved the living Colorado River (pre-damnation by the swine who run America) will love these songs by pioneer Glen Canyoneer, Katie Lee).

Colorado River Songs - Song titles

Rapid's Ahead

When the Colorado Rises

Two Little Flies

The Canyoners

River Lullaby

Kavitatin' Katie

The Drinking Song

Muddy River

Song of the Boatman

Poor Colly Raddy  
The Tale of the Tickaboo  
The Hippopotomi  
Ghosts of the Old San Juan  
Wreck-the-Nation Bureau Song  
Through This World  
Rusty Old Red River  
Bert Loper  
Shining River  
The Giants Once Among Us

### **TEN THOUSAND GODDAM CATTLE CD**

- Katydid Books & Records - 1977

Twenty-eight songs from my book of the same name, recorded also at Mickey Hart's Studio in Novato, CA., for a double LP album, with Travis and Earl Edmonson who drove there with me. David Holt, with guitar, joined us on a few songs. The session lasted nearly a week.

#### *Ten Thousand Goddam Cattle - Song titles*

The Town of Old Dolores  
The Western Plains  
Dobe Bill  
The Rustler  
La Fiolera  
Adios  
El Corrido de Bartolo Negro  
The Sierry Petes  
Spanish Is the Loving Tongue  
Jose Cuervo  
Roundup Lullaby  
My Homestead  
Waring of Sonora Town  
Boomer Johnson  
The Last Wagon  
Lasca  
The South Coast  
The Trusty Lariat  
Little Joe the Wrangler's Sister Nell  
Ten Thousand Goddam Cattle  
Deep Water, Ice and Snow  
Empty Cot in the Bunkhouse  
My Blue Heaven  
The Night I Stole Ol' Sammy Morgan's Gin  
Old Arizona  
The Ballad of Alfred Packer

The Santa Fe Trail  
A Cowboy's Prayer

**FENCED! CD**

- Katydid Books & Music - 1978

These Western Folksongs were recorded in my living room, with the help of one guitarist, David Holt, and one river rat, Lew Steiger on harmonica. Most of the songs were written by my two favorite songwriters - Tim Henderson and Tom Russell. A couple by me.

*Fenced! - Song titles*

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Rayburn Crane

Billy le Croix

Ridin' Down the Canyon

Maria Consuelo Arroyo

Gallo de Cielo

Wreck-the-Nation Bureau Song

The Giants Once Among Us

Bert Loper

Old San Antonio Road

Morgan

Suburban Cowboy

**HIS KNIBBS & THE BADGER With Ed Stabler CD**

- Katydid Books & Music - 1992

After performing at many Cowboy Poetry Gathers, Ed and I decided there were some wonderful songs in the poetry of famous turn-of-the-century poets, Henry Herbert Knibbs and Charles Badger Clark. We composed and set music to all but two that were already well know for their melodies.

*His Knibbs and the Badger - Song titles*

The Piano at Red's

The Long Road West

The Shallows of the Ford

Under the Joshua Tree

The Lost Range (poem)

Song of Mercado

A Border Affair

Bill Tandy

The Bronco

The Border (Poem)

Little Bronc

The Glory Trail

**GLEN CANYON RIVER JOURNEYS CD**

- Katydid Books & Music - 1998

Readings & Songs from my book, All My River Are Gone (now reprinted under the title Glen Canyon Betrayed.) Recorded in Jerome by Walter Rapaport, and in Prescott by Lew Steiger.

*Glen Canyon River Journeys - Song titles*

Side One:

Getting In Step With the Stone

Side Two:

Music Temple