



breakdown

Rosebud Blue:

Depending on the Glass

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Song list: Empty Mansions, Wedding Blues, Wildflowers, Lonely Me, The War Path, The Lord Will Make A Way, She Wanted to Go Home, Old Man's Story, Your Heart Was Made To Be Free, The Life That You've Lead, A Pair of Old Sneakers, The Last Old Shovel, Little Community Church.

Arkansas native Vern Williams has often been called the father of California bluegrass and his Vern and Ray band is remembered fondly. Jenny Lynn Williams is a third generation bluegrass musician, and the talented singer shares the strong vocal talents of grandfather Vern and her father Del Williams. Jenny and Angela Personeni have revived the name of Del Williams' first band, Rosebud Blue, and with the production help of Matt Dudman and Keith Little, they've paid tribute to the classic bluegrass duo harmonies complemented with strong instrumentation that follows that true bluegrass groove. The album includes some vintage gospel songs, a Dolly Parton song and several of their own songs including an instrumental written by mandolin player Matt Dudman and banjo player Josh Tharp. Jenny also wrote two of the

songs. Her "Lonely Me" has a classic country feel with a heartfelt chorus filled with soaring harmonies. "Your Heart Was Made To Be Free" has the fine fiddle sounds of Mike Eisler and Ed Neff. "The Life That You've Led" has some sage advice to one who has gone astray: "the life that you've led is beginning to show, the heartaches you spread are starting to grow, for the life you have led, you must reap what you sow." The twin fiddles also embrace "A Pair of Old Sneakers," a song from the point of view of old shoes left in the closet too long. "The Lord Will make A Way" has a crisp, bouncy edge that makes this gospel song stand out. The gals put some oomph into "The Last Old Shovel" and then drop back into call-and-response harmonies with Matt on the Bill Monroe/Lester Flatt song, "Little Community Church." Jenny and Angela call this album a fantasy come true, and for many Vern and Ray fans, this may a dream team for them too.

By Brenda Hough

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