



***Wild Mountain Thyme (traditional)***

*I fell in love with this song on my first trip over to Scotland. My friend Stuart had taken us on a driving tour of off the beaten path tourist stuff and we ended up at the graves of Rob Roy Macgregor and his family just outside the town of Balquhider. The old church next to the tiny cemetery (there is only a dozen or so graves there) had a message board kind of a thing. Behind the glass was the story and lyrics to the song, "The Braes of Balquhider" which apparently was the predecessor to "Wild Mountain Thyme". I came back to Canada completely inspired to record this much less popular version. Byron and I came up with this arrangement in a hotel room on the road one Saturday afternoon. This song was my biggest challenge in the studio. It's a real finesse part with all of that finger picking acoustic guitar work, plus I wanted to double it to fatten up the sound which is quite tricky. I spent hours one night trying to get a take I was happy with. Finally I gave up and went home. I cleared my mind, came back fresh and did the entire thing in half an hour. And we never did record "Braes"!*

*GW*

*My favorite Scottish ballad – I think this song is beautiful. I really love the harmonies that Glenn and Ed did on this track. Also, it's so laid back and relaxing compared to our usual material. This one goes over like crazy at a lot of our special events and soft seat shows.*

*BE*