

‘WHEN YOUR LOVE SLIPPED OVER ME’ - The Finland Lullabye Music & Lyrics by Dr. Gregory A. McPherson

May 10, 2018, Scandinavian American Foundation of Georgia --- “I am pleased to announce the release of my song **"WHEN YOUR LOVE SLIPPED OVER ME"** as a universal tribute to Finland First Family - President Sauli Niinisto and First Lady Jenni Haukio - as they welcome their first child, a baby boy born February 2, 2018. The song is shared with all of you as my personal gift included in the effort of me being recently commissioned as an American Composer to write an original Masterworks Composition poised as a Sacred Oratorio for Orchestra, Choruses, and Mixed Solo Voices celebrated the Centennial of The Republic of Finland, in it's recognition 100 years of Independence from Russia”, Dr. Gregory A McPherson, Composer and Producer.

THE SONG:

My inspiration has been, in part, centered around two very beautiful **poems written by First Lady Jenni Haukio**. They are aptly titled:

- "When Your Shirt Slipped Over Me"
- "You Hear The Music"

Both have adapted for this particular "Lullabye", and captured in the humbling spirit of "one-ness" and unity among kindred spirits, and more importantly - the full and complete notion of "soulmates".

PERSONNEL

FEATURED VOCALISTS:

The recording features two extraordinary lead vocalists - Ms. Ashley Wright and Mr. Michael McDonald - both of whom are native citizens of Montgomery, Alabama, and have been featured in a myriad of live and recorded performances regionally, as well as nationally. Ms. Wright is an alumnus of Auburn University, Montgomery, and Mr. McDonald, an alumnus of Jacksonville State University in Northeast Alabama.

BACKGROUND VOCALISTS:

In addition, I have been privileged to also work with some of the finest young teen vocalists and engineers from the Pike Road School. They are: Parker Allen, Samara Hester, and Isabella Smith, and their brilliant music & technology instructor - Mr. Theodore "Ted" White. Also included in this group are three of my very gifted and talented goddaughters - Kala Astara Wever of Atlanta,

Georgia and a student at Springdale Elementary School; and twins MaKenzie & MaKayla Jones of Atmore, Alabama who are students at the Freemanville Headstart Program.

INSTRUMENTALISTS:

The instrumentalists include Atlanta based guitarist & George Benson protege - Brother Prince Azariyah; Mr. Sou-Chun Su - Associate Principal 2nd Violinist for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; and one of my men-tees from Tel-Aviv, Israel - Mr. Roye Harran - Cellist for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and Professor of Music at Emory University in Atlanta. As has become a tradition of mine, I always include the superior artistry & expertise of my best friend and college classmate - Alabama State University Director Of Bands - Dr. James B. Oliver featured on mixed percussion & drums.

VOICEOVER ARTISTS:

Additional voiceover and translation work was done by Mrs. Minna LeVine - President of the **Scandinavian-American Foundation of Georgia** and dual-citizen of the United States & Finland; and Miss Faty-Sharon Sylla from Paris, France and is currently a student at Superman College in Atlanta, Georgia. NOTE: A very special shout-out to all of my friends of whom sent greetings from around the world in more than 41 languages - especially the in-flight crew from Virgin-Atlantic Airlines - UK.

STUDIO SUPPORT & PERSONNEL:

The song was recorded at Atlanta's ICON Studios with Mr. Gilberto Marco Montoya, recording engineer and programmer, The Quietfire Center for Audio Imaging - Dr. Greg McPherson - programmer, and Pharaoh Productions & The White Entertainment Group - Theodore Shores White - recording and mix engineer.

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YOUTUBE: <https://youtu.be/-BnpwXltzzk>

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LYRICS

We are finally blessed to see this day come to us

A promise that shall be

Love so true from God above and heaven's
angels

They give to you and me

Since we made to each a vow

This journey had no clouds

Our love is more than we

Now forever more we live

Trust and know it's real

When your love slipped over me

Everybody celebrate our love from day to day

This family is to be

Joy in knowing that this child is given we are three

This baby you and me

Since we made to each a vow

This journey had no clouds

Our love is more than we

Now forever more we live

Trust and know it's real

When your love slipped over me

You hear the music above from heaven

Life has given us from one to one

And then together

Since we made to each a vow

This journey had no clouds

Our love is more than we

Now forevermore we live

Trust and know it's real

When your love slipped over me

Now forevermore we live

Trust and know its real

When your love slipped over me x3

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