

Dirty Linen

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Paddy Tutty *The Roving Jewel*

[Prairie Druid PA05 (2000)] This is a CD compilation of songs taken from Paddy Tutty's first two releases, *Who Liveth So Merry* (recorded in 1986) and *Paddy Tutty* (recorded in 1983). Tutty's simple, straightforward interpretation of traditional material has stood the test of time. Accompanying herself on guitar, fretted dulcimer and fiddle, she cuts to the emotional heart of her material, giving a respectful yet meaningful interpretation of the songs. Tutty doesn't stray too far from the well known ("Katy Cruel", "Annachie Gordon", "The Blind Harper"), but in her hands they still sound fresh. At almost 70 minutes of music, the CD offers a generous look at some of the best songs of the Celtic and North American tradition.

(Jim Lee)