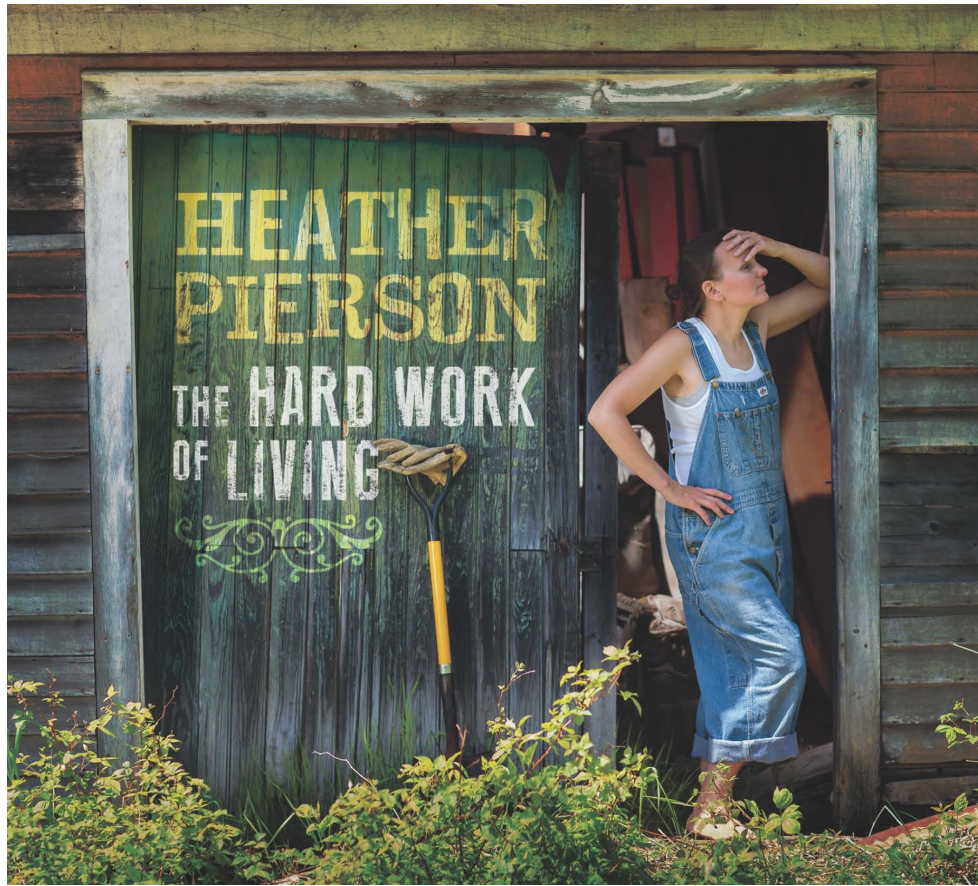


"There's a real pureness to her voice as she leads us through intimate corners of her experiences and tells stories with a Joni Mitchell kind of edge... it's as if it's as second nature as breathing." - Portland Press Herald



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Track Listing:

1. **Nothing Left (3:58)**
2. **It's Time To Go (3:28)**
3. Speak Wisely (3:59)
4. **A Hard Man To Please (4:07)**
5. Let It Roll Off Your Back (4:00)
6. The Love of His Life (4:31)
7. The Marriage (3:47)
8. I'll Never Know Freedom Again (5:25)
9. The Crime Most High (3:36)
10. **The Hard Work of Living (3:03)**

Total running time: 39:44

HEATHER PIERSON - THE HARD WORK OF LIVING

New Hampshire-based Heather Pierson is a multi-instrumentalist, singer/songwriter and performer and winner of the 2012 New England Songwriting Contest. From New Orleans jazz to folk narratives and Delta-style blues to soul-stirring instrumentals and chants, Heather's live performances move seamlessly and effortlessly from one style to the next, and a growing catalog of wildly divergent CD releases reflects her boundless creativity. Her seventh CD, *The Hard Work of Living*, features her achingly honest and poignant Americana/folk/roots songwriting, including her award winning single, "A Hard Man To Please".



1. **Nothing Left** - bluegrass-inspired mourning of a lost friendship.
2. **It's Time To Go** - soothing, cross-country ode to the longing for the comforts of home.
3. **Speak Wisely** - bluesy, rootsy groove with a strong karmic message.
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4. **A Hard Man To Please** - heartbreaking waltz about a woman and her relationships to the men in her life.
5. **Let It Roll Off Your Back** - uplifting and gospel-tinged call to action.
6. **The Love of His Life** - touching ballad about a reluctant, soon-to-be father.
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8. **I'll Never Know Freedom Again** - stripped-down, heart-stopping murder ballad with a twist.
9. **The Crime Most High** - mid-tempo flourish about a young woman pursuing her dreams and the tough lesson that she learned along the way.
10. **The Hard Work of Living** - an achingly beautiful reminder of how sweet life can be, and the hard work that it requires.

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