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# Irene Kelley

## Invites you to run like a “Wild Mountain Stream”

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During the pandemic, Irene Kelley turned to nature to relieve her cabin fever. She explains, “making trips to East Tennessee and the Smokey Mountains on occasion was one thing that was doable and kept me sane. The mountains and the beauty there has always been a huge inspiration to me, most notably the running waters, raging rivers, and cool clear streams.

“I brought the title and idea to Billy Droze and Terry Herd during one of our Zoom writing sessions. It was only after maybe an hour later that we had the song completed. The musicians and Justyna & Ronnie's background vocals brought the song to a whole new level of beauty. I hope everyone enjoys the musical arrangement and the mountain imagery.”

A Pennsylvania coal miner's granddaughter, Irene Kelley went from singing lead with the bluegrass band Redwing to Nashville and a pair of major label singles. While her performing career didn't take off back then, her songwriting career took flight. An exceptional co-writer, she had her hand in songs recorded by Alan Jackson, Trisha Yearwood, Loretta Lynn, Little Big Town, Rhonda Vincent, Claire Lynch, Darrell Scott, The Whites, the Osborne Brothers, and Bill Anderson. Returning full speed to bluegrass with 2014's acclaimed *Pennsylvania Coal*, her solo career finally soared, establishing as a well-rounded bluegrass vocalist and performer as well as a foremost songwriter.

“Without giving away too much of what's in store,” Kelley says of this follow up to *Benny's TV Repair* and its 5 #1 songs, “I have the title track written for the album but have not yet recorded it. I can say that Justyna Kelley and I wrote it, and it has a winter theme. This ought to make for a frosty album cover. Stay tuned. This next album will have a lot of sentiment.”

Irene Kelley/Billy Droze/Terry Herd, Shiny Stuff Music, BMI/Different Kind of Crown Music, ASCAP/ Sparkinator Publishing, BMI

High above the city lights my soul likes to fly  
Away from all the worry that gets trapped inside my mind  
Winding through the rocks and pines with troubles far behind

Throwing caution to the wind  
With no sense of time

\*I wanna run like a wild mountain stream  
I wanna find myself lost inside an early morning dream

Like cool clear water rushing to the sea  
I wanna run like a wild mountain stream

Too long in the wind and rain in the eye inside the storm  
It's safe inside a little while but I need something more  
Searching for my field of green where the ocean meets the stars

Don't know when I'll get there  
But I know it can't be far

REPEAT CHORUS\*

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Aubrey Haynie: fiddle; Cody Kilby: guitar; Matt Menefee: banjo; Adam Steffey: mandolin; Mike Bub: upright bass; High harmony: Justyna Kelley; low harmony: Ronnie Bowman

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