

SIMPLE ACTS

August - Share a Song

Each month, we'll flag up something which lets you complete a Simple Act – whether it a book about exile or a few weird and wonderful words in a new language. This month we're sharing a song!

Far by Regina Spektor

Regina Spektor's music has been described as a heartfelt mix of "[Weimar cabaret, Russian polka, whimsical folk and sultry blues](#)". In her atmospheric fifth album, 'Far', Spektor continues her eclectic approach to musical story telling, culminating in a beautiful collection of songs which have the ability to make you stop and consider the beauty in the smallest details of everyday life.

"Odder than Kate Bush, as dreamy as Stina Nordenstam and less scary than Tori Amos" BBC Music

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About Regina:

A Russian Jew, Spektor and her family fled the anti-Semitism of the Soviet Union in the late 1980's when she was nine years old, passing through Italy and Austria before settling in the Bronx area of New York.

When asked about her past in interviews, Spektor has shared her memories of the "[terrible amounts of anti-Semitism, poverty and oppression](#)" she was exposed to in the former Soviet Union, but more often recalls the difficulty of leaving behind the family piano through which she escaped the world. This could go some way to explaining why Spektor's song writing bares so little reflection to her personal experiences. Spektor views songwriting as an opportunity for fiction, and compares writing about her own life to "[putting a ball and chain around your foot and being sentenced to being yourself](#)".

Instead her songs are a rich mix of fantasies which explore pretty much every subject she can imagine, from making faces out of pizza to the concept of God, all carried by catchy melodies and some absolutely awesome piano playing.

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