

# Katy Tessman

Singer-Songwriter | Author



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Katy Tessman is an optimistic and approachable singer-songwriter with a voice full of the wisdom she's gained through breast cancer survival, heartbreak, and motherhood. Her powerful vocals and rhythmic approach to guitar (or mandolin) express a straight-from-the-heart songwriting style that moves passionately over diverse emotional and musical terrain.

Katy's live shows are flexible to what the event / venue requires; Katy can perform solo, as a duo, trio, or with a full band. Various instrumentation is used, from an acoustic folk / country sound with mandolin and upright bass to a pop/rock band with electric guitar and full drumset.

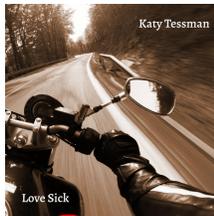
## New Music

After a 20 year pause from songwriting, Minnesota singer-songwriter Katy Tessman returns to the stage with new music and a new band.



"Piece by Piece (the best news of all)" is a love song for Tessman's two sons. The lyric video showcases illustrations by Jessica Bailey from Katy's award-winning children's book about breast cancer, *Our Mama is a Beautiful Garden*.

Katy is currently working on recording her new songs with producer Mark Allan in Studio XX. Their first single "Love Sick" features Bill Quinn on pedal steel, Dave Beattie on electric guitar, Mark Allan on bass, and Gary Spencer on drums



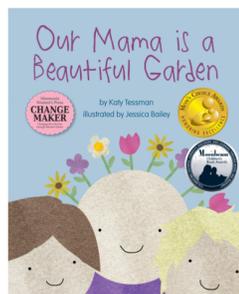
Katy's music can be streamed everywhere:



[Katy Tessman - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/KatyTessman)

## Children's Book Author

During her pause from the stage, Katy has raised two sons, fought a victorious battle with breast cancer, authored an award-winning children's book entitled "Our Mama is a Beautiful Garden," and was named CHANGEMAKER by the Minnesota Women's Press.



## Performance Highlights

- After a 20-year pause from the stage, Katy made her re-debut with a ticketed event at Ginkgo in St Paul; during the height of the omicron variant of the Covid-19 pandemic, Katy filled the house with a (masked / vaxxed) audience.
- In June 2022, Katy and her band celebrated the release of her new music to a sold out audience at the 318 Cafe in Excelsior.
- The MN Songwriter Showcase celebration of Women in Music at the Aster Cafe in Minneapolis.
- Minneapolis Songwriter Rounds at the 331 Club in Northeast Minneapolis.
- Tribute to Loretta Lynn & Emmylou Harris at Turf Club in St. Paul.
- The Homegrown Show with Brandon Backstrom on BOB Total Country Radio.
- Paul McCartney 80th Birthday Tribute at Turf Club in St. Paul.

Katy was interviewed on The Brian Oake Show podcast; the conversation includes various topics including Katy's recent surge of creativity, her new recording project, her book for children about breast cancer, and her upcoming performances.



## History

Before becoming a mom, Katy performed her original contemporary folk music both as a headliner and opener at venues in the Twin Cities and throughout the region for nearly a decade. Katy's band **Joe's Elevator** won accolades from fans and critics alike, releasing their album *Up & Down* in 1997. Katy's 11-song solo debut album, *Fall*, remarkably showcases her acoustic based arrangements expanded by a talented cast of players. National tours allowed her to grace stages from Seattle to Sioux Saint Marie.

