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01. *One Day We'll Feel the Sun* - 3:44 02. *Is There Any Reason* - 7:13 03. *Only the Bird Knows* - 2:34 04. *Climb the Highest Mountain* - 5:44 05. *Stand Alone* - 3:52 06. *And I Sing* - 2:30 07. *The Longest Road* - 6:21 08. *Without a Trace* - 3:42 09. *If I Could Fly* - 4:16 Kelly Richey – guitar Jimmy V. – bass David Clawson - drums

There are no vocals on the all-instrumental *Speechless*, so Kelly takes the opportunity to speak here to describe the CD's genesis. "I brought a selection of chords with loosely formed rhythmic ideas to a relatively new rhythm section, and we worked out arrangements and parts as David Clawson (on drums) and Jimmy V. (on bass) formed a new iteration the Kelly Richey Band. I wanted to add fresh, new material to the show, and I wanted to build on the promising relationship that was developing with this new rhythm section. We recorded the tracks in the basement of my home with the help of Rick Andress, an engineer and recording mentor. Rick had been tutoring me on using my new computer software for recording. He helped run the sessions, and also did the final mixes. I had always wanted to do a version of 'You're Not Alone,' an instrumental by my favorite guitarist, Roy Buchanan. That led me to think about an album that was completely free of vocals. I thought it would force me to use just my guitar to express all of the emotions." Well said! --- kellyrichey.bandcamp.com

"*Speechless* holds a special place for me – it's one of my favorite albums I've ever recorded. I brought a selection of chords with loosely formed rhythmic ideas to a relatively new rhythm section, and we hammered out arrangements and parts as we were working up the material for an updated version of the Kelly Richey Band. I wanted to add material to the show that was fresh, and I wanted to simply focus on the music to best allow me to create a relationship with my new rhythm section, David Clawson (drums) and Jimmy V. (bass guitar). I recorded this

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album in the basement of my home with the help of engineer and recording mentor Rick Andress. Rick had been tutoring me on how to use my new computer software for recording. He helped run the sessions, and also did the final mixes. My favorite record by my favorite guitarist Roy Buchanan is “You’re Not Alone”; an amazing instrumental record that had deeply influenced me as a guitar player for years. I longed to do an album that was free of vocals and in doing so, would force me to use just my guitar to express all of the emotions I felt I needed to express.” So states Kelly Richey of her 2006 studio release “Speechless.” A truly remarkable effort on Richey’s part to both write and record an all instrumental album that pays honor to the extraordinary artists who have inspired and influenced her musically throughout the years: Roy Buchanan, Jeff Beck, Al di Meola, Pat Metheny and Michael Hedges. “Speechless” is a timeless aural treat not to be missed— Richey’s work here has won critical acclaim and shines as a much-deserved career highlight. --- kellyrichey.com

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