

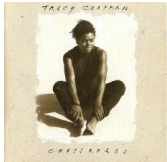
## Tracy Chapman – Crossroad (1989)

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1. *Crossroads*
2. *Bridges*
3. *Freedom Now*
4. *Material World*
5. *Be Careful Of My Heart*
6. *Subcity*
7. *Born To Fight*
8. *A Hundred Years*
9. *This Time*
10. *All That You Have Is Your Soul*

Personnel    Tracy Chapman - acoustic guitar, harmonica, electric guitar, vocals, background vocals, 12 string guitar    Charlie Bisharat - violin, viola, electric violin, pizzicato violin  
Peggie Blu - background vocals    Marc Cohn - piano    Paulinho Da Costa - tambourine  
Carolyn Dennis - background vocals    Denny Fongheiser - drums    Bobbye Hall - percussion, conga    Jack Holder - banjo, piano    Larry Klein - bass    Danny "Kootch" Kortchmar - electric guitar    Russ Kunkel - drums    Jim Lacefield - cello    Tim Landers - bass    Steve Lindley - electric piano    Bob Marlette - keyboard    Frank Marocco - accordion  
Sheila Minard - background vocals    Scarlet Rivera - violin    Roz Seay - background vocals    G.E. Smith - acoustic guitar, mandolin, electric guitar    William D. "Smitty" Smith - organ    John X. Volaitis - piano    Elesecia Wright - background vocals    Snooky Young - trumpet    Neil Young - acoustic Guitar, Piano

Tracy Chapman's self-titled debut album of 1988 was an incredibly tough act to follow, but the folk-rocker delivered an inspired sophomore effort with *Crossroads*. While it falls short of the excellence of her stunning debut, *Crossroads* is a heartfelt, honest offering that's well worth obtaining. Dedicated to South African freedom fighter Nelson Mandela, the anthemic "Freedom Now" is one of Chapman's best protest songs. Equally compelling is "Subcity," a lament for the poor, disenfranchised underclass that stands on the outside of the American Dream looking in. Much of the time, however, Chapman isn't going for immediacy -- introspective and subtle

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songs like "Bridges," "Be Careful of My Heart," and "All That You Have Is Your Soul" require at least several listens in order to be fully appreciated. ---Alex Henderson

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