

Need You Now

Plumb (Curb Records)

Since 1997, Tiffany Arbuckle Lee, known by her stage name Plumb, has offered polished modern pop songs that lend themselves not only to Christian radio, but also movie soundtracks (“Stranded,” “God-Shaped Hole,” “Boys Don’t Cry”).

Lee’s occasionally brutal honesty (“Cut,” “Damaged”) also landed her on the playlists of countless young women and young men dealing with hard issues of life.

Now she returns to the spotlight with her first album in six years, *Need You Now*. With the help of co-writer Matt Bronleewe, Lee navigates heartbreak, hope, healing, happiness and encouragement against a backdrop of melodic pop rock.

Jars of Clay singer Dan Haseltine provides a perfect vocal complement on the inspirational “Drifting.” “One Drop” is a light, catchy song that seems destined for media crossover and provides a soothing contrast to the haunting despair of the opener, “Invisible.”

The title track, which already spent weeks at the top of Christian radio charts, is a rousing prayer for divine intervention, and Lee has said the album is named in honor of the victims of the Newtown, Conn., shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Need You Now alternates between moments of deep contemplation and pure levity and joy—one moment, Lee cries out to God; the next, she celebrates the unconditional love of her husband. Her return should earn attention and accolades from listeners hoping to communicate their faith with authenticity.