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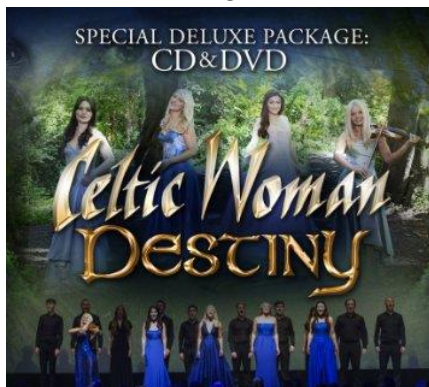
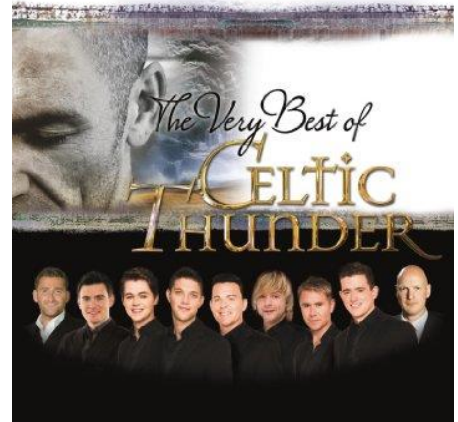
*The Very Best of Celtic Thunder* by Celtic Thunder

*Destiny* by Celtic Woman

“The theme of a common Celtic heritage still underlies every Celtic Thunder show – it introduces their fans to some classic Irish and Scottish songs, while honing some new classics along the way.”

Where this group shines is on the songs that feature Celtic heritage (be they traditional or newer songs) – these are the heart of this album! As to their take on songs like *Still Haven't Found What I'm*

*Looking For* –they are more of a miss for me. The members of Celtic Thunder have differed over the years but feature some of the greatest talent that Ireland and Scotland have to offer. Favourite tracks on the album include: *A Place in the Choir, Galway Girl, Home from the Sea, Mo Ghile Mear, and Seven Drunken Nights.*



Celtic Woman is an all-female Irish musical ensemble which has featured different talent over the years -they are beautiful singers as well as musicians especially those who play the fiddle! At the moment, the group is comprised of three singers and a fiddle player. *Destiny* is their latest CD and features some lovely traditional Irish pieces as well as contemporary songs. Celtic Woman's sound is beautiful, haunting, and soothing to the soul. The whole album is spectacular; my favorite title is *The Whole of the Moon.*

Both CDs feature the song *My Land* and while both versions are great in their own way – it is the more peaceful arrangement and lovely tones of the Celtic Woman's version I truly enjoy. Drop by the library and visit or Celtic display to borrow these two titles and decide for yourself who has the better version.

- *Review prepared by Kristina Solowy*