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## Tommy Larkin Releases Single Commemorating Nikki Bradshaw Carpenter

Modern folk song describes brave mother of three who died protecting her children from a Tornado.

**Galveston, Texas April 22, 2011:** Tommy Larkin has released a digital music single called *Nikki Bradshaw Carpenter* that commemorates the Mississippi woman of that name who perished while protecting her three little boys from a severe Tornado. Shielded by their mother, the boys survived despite their trailer being thrown one hundred yards.

Tommy describes the song by saying, *"It's a plain-spoken tribute to a brave mother protecting her children in a Tornado. I wanted to create a modern folk song with an eerie feel that would be both compelling and disturbing. I was inspired by Nikki herself but also by songs like Bruce Springsteen's 'Highway Patrolman' and Bob Dylan's 'Ballad of Hollis Brown'. Simple songs whose compelling story drives the music instead of a bunch of notes. These are not songs that get played on the radio a lot, but when a tragedy like this happens, I think the survivors find comfort in songs like these with such profound feeling. With so many Americans suffering from severe weather this year, Nikki's story of tragedy combined with hope for the surviving children is one that many people can relate to."*

Tommy Larkin wrote, played and produced the music and lyrics with supporting vocals by Bettina Kelly of Houston, Texas. This single previews the upcoming album, *Truth In Anger*, to be released on Tommy Larkin Music LLC.

The cover art for the single features a provocative image based on a work called *Approaching Tornado* © by Victor Zastol'skiy of Dreamstime.com.

The song is now available as a digital download on iTunes, Amazon.com and CDBaby.com.  
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