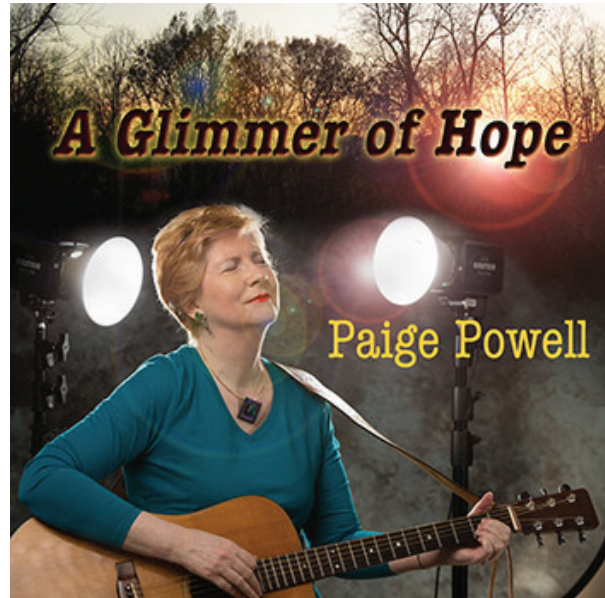


Paige Powell Music Blog for December 4, 2020:

The Story Behind the Song, "A Glimmer Of Hope"

A couple years ago on a Saturday, I was taking out the garbage at my condo complex and on my way back, I started thinking about how important **hope** is. Hope is essential to getting through a tough day or a tough time, and many of you feel that toughness, **especially this year**. The people on the news who are interviewing doctors about our pandemic are asking us all to just **hang on a little longer** until the vaccine is available to everyone. **We need hope so much now, perhaps even more than love!**



That Saturday, I started writing everything I could think of about hope, filling 3 pages with concepts, partial sentences and a few rhyming (or "near rhyme") words, which I circled. Without hope, how can we plan for a better tomorrow and have **dreams** and goals? Even if our dreams are never realized, they are an essential part of **our today**, and downright **good for our minds**. The end result was "*A Glimmer of Hope*" and when I recorded it at **Assembly Line Studios**, sound engineer **Kevin Gutierrez** said it was one of his favorite songs of mine! You can read a little more about the story behind this song on its page.

After I wrote "*A Glimmer of Hope*" I imagined it being sung in a Disney film by a cartoon "grandfather mouse" to his mouse family. Kevin, my sound engineer, said he could picture **Kermit** singing it! The lyrics portray someone closer to the end of their life than the beginning, something that happens to anyone turning 50 (sometimes when they turn 40). When you realize that "*With every passing year, how my future's growing small,*" the first line of the song, you take a hard look at what you have done with your life and try to plan wisely for the remaining years you think you have remaining. Someone told me about putting jellybeans in a jar that represent the number of weeks you estimate you have left in your life, removing one jellybean each weekend. I'm way too chicken to do something that depressing!