

**SIR 364 Golden Ring**

**vocal by: Cherish & Paul Bristow**

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**ORIGINAL MUSIC DETAILS: WRITERS:** B Braddock, R. Vanhoy  
**PUBLISHERS:** Sony/ATV Tree Publishing.

**Original artists: Tammy Wynette & George Jones**

Tammy Wynette was an American country music singer-songwriter and one of country music's best-known artists and biggest-selling female vocalists. She married George Jones, an award-winning American country music singer known for his long list of hit records, his distinctive voice and phrasing, in 1969. "Golden Ring" won the "Cash Box" magazine award as the Top Duet for 1976 and was a U.S. No.1 hit for them both. Unfortunately, by this time, George and Tammy's marriage had ended.

This tune actually tells the story of a young couple from the day they buy their "golden wedding ring", to the day that their marriage falls apart – so it is an eerie song for Tammy and George to have released. However, the tune itself is terrific; Terry MacMillan claimed it to be one of his personal favourites. As always happens, when we record a country tune, our superb Nashville musicians enjoyed the task and produced a piece of first class music with a lot of the original feel; this one is a show-stopper!

### **Additional Lyrics:**

In a pawn shop in Chicago, on a sunny summer day  
A couple gazes at the wedding rings there on display  
She smiles n' nods her head as he says, "Honey that's for you,  
It's not much, but it's the best that I can do."  
Golden rings with one tiny little stone  
Waiting there for someone to take you home  
By itself it's just a cold metallic thing  
Only love can make a golden wedding ring

In a little wedding chapel later on that afternoon  
An old upright piano plays that old familiar tune  
Tears roll down her cheeks and happy thoughts run through her head  
As he whispers low, "With this ring, I thee wed."  
Golden ring with one tiny little stone  
Shining ring now at last it's found a home  
By itself it's just a cold metallic thing  
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In a small two room  
apartment as they fought  
their final round  
He says, "You won't admit  
it, but I know you're leavin'  
town."  
She says, "One thing's for  
certain, I don't love you  
any more."  
And throws down the ring  
as she walks out the door  
Golden ring with one tiny  
little stone  
Cast aside like the love  
that's dead and gone  
By itself it's just a cold  
metallic thing  
Only love can make a  
golden wedding ring

### **Where, When and Who produced the music:**

This was part of the eleventh group of releases on Sting and Snow that were recorded in Nashville, during November 2006. A total of fourteen songs were recorded during this session, which was the sixth to be arranged and produced by Paul Bristow. On this occasion, Paul had his family with him to provide moral AND technical support! Also in attendance at this session was Snow Recording Artist: Wil Stans.

Recorded in November 2006, the music still features the top musicians in Nashville: Gregg Galbraith – as band leader playing all lead Guitars, Terry MacMillan on Harmonica and percussion, Doug Jernigan on Steel and Dobro, Jerry Kroon on Drums, Roger Morris on Piano and Keyboards, Fiddle by Rob Hojacos, Larry Paxton on Bass Guitar, Rhythm Guitar was played by Bruce Watkins and Mark Catstevens, with Bruce also on Banjo. We also had George Tidwell on Trumpet and Kevin McManus (studio owner) as the engineer.

### **Acknowledgement to Royal Records:**

We are indebted to Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine who introduced us to the studio in Nashville and invited us to use the top-of-the-line professional session musicians that they had assembled, to play for Royal Records.