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# HEARTLAND



I LOVED HER FIRST

# HEARTLAND WOULD LIKE TO THANK...



**MIKE  
MYERSON**

I want to thank God for all the blessings in my life. Thanks to my beautiful, wonderful wife and my best friend in the world, Nikki. Thanks for believing in me, even when I didn't. Thanks to the lights of my life, my son and daughter, Dustin and Skyler. Love you much and much! You are why I do this. Thanks to my mother Frances for giving me the gift of music. Thanks to my model of what a man, husband and father should be like, the greatest man I have ever known, my dad Colin. What's up to my brothers Jon and Chris. Thanks to Daphne, Heather, Macie and all the Hollingsworths for believing. Thanks to my Alabama family, Jim and Diana Anderson, Bob and Lucy Albert, Bob and Janet West. You took myself and my family in and made us feel like part of your family. Thanks are not enough for my best friends in the world Jason, Keith, Todd, Craig and Chuck. I can't think of anyone else I'd rather do this with. To my Poppy and Grandma Tina, thank you for all the wonderful summers. I wish you had been here to see this, but I know you're watching anyway. Thanks to Chip, Elaine and Brody Knight, Glyn Russell and all of the PdC gang. Thanks to everyone who believes in Heartland. I dedicate this album to all of you.



**TODD  
ANDERSON**

I would like to thank the Good Lord for blessing me with music and for all the blessings in my life. My little girl Cadence, you are the greatest blessing of my life and I love you with all my heart!!! My Mom for being the sweetest person in the world and for showing me what love really is. My Dad for showing me how to be a man and for getting us here; we would not be here if it wasn't for you! J.D. Blair & Charlie Adams for being great mentors in life and music...I owe you both so much! Larue Larry for being my drum brother...Joe at Mapex and Jim at Attack-THANKS FELLAS!!! Craig, Chuck, Jason, Keith and Mike for the hard work and sacrifice we have all had to make over the years...it's an honor to be in a band with 5 of my best friends! All of my friends and family-thank ya'll for keeping us going through the years. I would like to dedicate this album to: Bessie Anderson (Granny) and LaVaughn and Virginia Ballinger (Paw-Paw and Nanny) who are no longer with us but live in my heart... I LOVE YA'LL...

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**CHUCK  
CRAWFORD**

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ALBERT**

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**KEITH  
WEST**

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**CRAIG  
ANDERSON**

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Chuck Crawford- guitar, fiddle and harmony vocals  
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