Basic Detail Report



Natalie Merchant's handwritten lyrics for "Hey Jack Kerouac"

Date 2022

Primary Maker Natalie Merchant

Medium Paper; Ink

Description

Natalie Merchant's handwritten lyrics for the 10,000 Maniacs song "Hey Jack Kerouac." The lyrics are on two sheets of lined notebook paper with hole punch slots at the proper right. The lyrics are penned in Merchant's hand, in black ink, with the headers "Kerouac 1" and "Kerouac 2" at the top proper left of their respective sheets. The lyrics have been framed with a white mat and description plaque in a black glossy frame. 10,000 Maniacs released the song "Hey Jack Kerouac" in 1987 on the album <i>In My Tribe</i>, composed by guitarist Rob Buck and singer Natalie Merchant. Merchant's lyrics refer to Beat Generation stalwarts Jack Kerouac and Allen Ginsberg. Natalie Merchant (b. 1963) is an American singer and songwriter who came to fame as a member of the alternative rock band 10,000 Maniacs in the 1980s before embarking on a solo music career. Merchant joined 10,000 Maniacs in 1981, where she served as the lead vocalist and lyricist. She recorded seven albums with the band before leaving in 1993. Her solo albums <i>Tigerlilly</i> (1995) and <i>Ophelia</i> (1998) each reached platinum certification in the United States, and featured songs such as "Carnival," "Wonder," and "Kind & Generous." Merchant has recorded nine total studio solo albums as of 2025.

Dimensions

Frame: 17 1/2 x 24 x 1 1/4 in. (44.5 x 61 x 3.2 cm) Sheet: 11 x 8 1/2 in. (27.9 x 21.6 cm)