

# Poema

There is nothing average about the beautiful sister duo Poema. Creating their own songs and their own sounds, Shealeen and Elle have fully embraced their musical heritage and yet simultaneously forged new paths with the music they are making.

Not just another duo, these two sisters from Albuquerque, NM, grew up in a close-knit family where music was an integral part of their life. Shealeen has been classically trained in piano, and Elle taught herself to play guitar. With musical parents, and a younger brother who travels with them as their drummer, these girls have made a name for themselves as vocalists, musicians, and songwriters.

These sisters are unique in a lot of ways- very different from each other, but the best of friends. Their relationship is deep and profound, not only when they speak, but all throughout the music, their bond can be heard and felt. Whether it is in the rolling harmonies or the heart-felt lyrics, the relational theme plays itself out in quietly powerful ways. Poema was named as one of AP's "Top 100 Bands You Need to Know," and after years of making music together, touring, and putting out successful EPs, the girls are releasing *Remembering You*, their first full-length album.

In the uncertain territory of *Remembering You* heading out to the world, the gals of Poema are certain of a few things: they have grown, they have matured, and they have learned how to use music to not only heal others, but heal themselves. "We are always growing lyrically and musically," says Elle, "and we're comfortable in that." This album focuses on relationships- the building, the tearing down, the earthly and the heavenly. As they have lived, they have written and sang and poured many of their own stories into this new album.

In the past few years, the girls say, they have fallen in love all over again with country music- the new and the old- and that grassroots sound bleeds throughout the album. "It's the story-telling," Shealeen says, "it draws you in. We write like that and connect with those types of songs." Inspired by the likes of Patsy Cline and Nickel Creek to John Mayer and Loretta Lynn, their love for country, with a touch of acoustic pop and folk, can be felt from the first spin. Whether heard as singles or one full piece, this album reminds of the simpler times, family, and the varied emotions connected with being human.

There is a sweetness to their music in songs like "Footprints" and aching loss in "My Turn To Go," a ballad honoring their recently passed grandmother. "That's my favorite one," shares Shealeen, "because it feels the most personal. We wrote that not long after she died." Their faith is displayed from start to finish, but most vocally in songs like "Your Song," a worshipful love song to their God. "As believers, everything we do is an extension of our faith. All these songs are His."

With the September 11<sup>th</sup> release of *Remembering You*, this beautiful duo will be swept into a new place in the musical sphere. With a strong fanbase already established, it won't be long until *Remembering You*, and the girls of Poema, are in the ears, and on the lips, of many more fans.

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