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Cinderella Man slips song onto Kristofferson tribute album

An impressive **Kris Kristofferson** tribute album is coming out June 27, just five days after Kris' 70th birthday, and there are some of the usual (and incredibly talented) suspects on it.

Fellow country icon **Emmylou Harris** contributes "The Pilgrim: Chapter 33," longtime friend and **Highwaymen** bandmate **Willie Nelson** sings "The Legend" and actor **Russell Crowe** contributes "Darby's Castle."

Uh, hold up. The Gladiator sings a track on a Kris Kristofferson tribute album?

Turns out Russell, a singer/musician, and Kris have been buddies for a while, since the two did a PBS "Soundstage" show a few years ago and had fun doing it.

Since then, when Kris toured Australia, he and his family spent time at Russell's farm, says Tamara Saviano, Kris' publicist and coordinator for this tribute album, *The Pilgrim*. (For disclosure purposes, I'll add here that Tennessean music writer Peter Cooper wrote the liner notes, with no compensation, for *The Pilgrim*.)

Russell apparently knew two Kris songs well, "Darby's Castle" and "Sunday Mornin' Comin' Down." **Gretchen Wilson** turned in "Sunday Mornin' Comin' Down," and Russell did the other.

"Isn't it great the way he says 'Dahby'? I love it!" Tamara says.