

for Darlene Williams Cole
my great love, my best friend for life and beyond
thank you for believing in this work,
and for making me believe in it, too.

the story of us.

a musical biography

thank you: **Jesus Christ** for the obvious, to **everyone I will forget to name here**, I love you all most, **karen** for all the love then, now, and always, **mom** for the love of music, **andreae crouch**, **larry norman**, **randy stonehill** for the new vision, for music without limits or labels, **pastor steven tomlinson** for late nights on the lake, **betty wallace** for the anointed stewardship, **william wallace**, my brother, my co-defendant, for the first real music and the first true love, **the new witness band**: **gene**, **derek**, **john**, **emil**, **milton**, **brenda**, **pasha** and a lot of names I've forgotten, **lester** for "the look," **james** nothing shall separate us, I will always be your brother, **michael** for faith and enthusiasm and talent beyond your years, **derek burch** and **john parker** for being much better friends to me than I've been to you, I love you guys, **dinky** for upping the stakes with your vision and wondrous gifts, **mike theodore** for insisting on excellence, **danil dreger** for *Studio 101 For Dummies*. thanks for your patience and friendship, **debra** for having faith enough to leave, **pearl** for having faith enough to stay, **milton** sorry about the lame charts, **larry hama** for being the kind of mentor every young man needs, the **k-otics** / **burning sensations** for breaking the rules, **addie blaustein** for patience, humor, and unconditional love, **tanya** for being hs' #1 fan, **rachelle** sorry I got it wrong, **nancy** sorry you got it wrong, **tyrone mcneil**, **steven brown**, **leon manigault**, **lucky** and the **combo funk band/street gang**, **tina** for the kiss behind the garage; I still love you, **yvonne hammond** and **debby**, **poppy** and **shelly**, **lance tooks**, I owe you another toaster, **qabid ibn hakim** for good times and not so good times and for making me hate my own bass guitar, **mark "shut up" jackson** for life lessons, **which way armand** and **freddie the nervous**, **johnmark brown** on the uprights, **bridget shorter** for your dedication, sacrifice and "ordinary love," **rita hurt** for resisting johnmark's advances, **sinesta mccooy** for being so cute, **florence let's go back to south street**, I still love you, **bryon hankins** for your fender jazz and **marcus feel**, the truly marvelous **gregg sullivan** for making us sound almost like we knew what we were doing, **derek "prepare for an experience" jackson** for your friendship and professionalism, and special love to **tyrone the vanishing**, wherever you are.

the reverend **darryl f. cherry** for the piano in the attic
the reverend **estelle m. young** for all of that shoe tying
joyce if I had someone like you

marie yanick manigat
*notre amour est comme une nouvelle création claire
lequel a été placé dans nos mains sales imprudemment
il nous éblouit avec luminescence surnaturelle
et il sent comme à jamais*

