



parting shot

Los Angeles, 1970

Pausing for a pensive moment in her woodsy Laurel Canyon home, Alberta's Roberta Joan Anderson had, at age 26, already rechristened herself Joni, given birth to a daughter, married and split from fellow folk singer Chuck Mitchell and earned her first Grammy for the seminal *Clouds*. Arguably the most impressive and influential singer-songwriter Canada has ever produced, Mitchell has since won four more Grammys and was, just a year ago, voted a Lifetime Achievement Award. At the time, she told a *Rolling Stone* reporter she got her start imitating Judy Collins and Joan Baez "just to get money to smoke." Is she still smoking? Indeed. Still sizzling, too.