Libba: The Magnificent Life of Elizabeth Cotton
by Laura Veirs

Musician Laura Veirs turns the spotlight on folk singer Elizabeth “Libba” Cotten, tracing the story of a girl meant to play music despite the odds against her. Even guitars weren’t made for a left-hander like Libba, but the plucky strummer just “turned the guitar upside down and played it backwards.” Libba composed “Freight Train,” one of her most famous songs, at a young age. However, it would only be years later as a grandmother, after giving up music to tend to life, that Libba’s talent would be discovered and shared.