


 CD REVIEWS

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What is with these people? No remix make over, samples, overdubs, diva squawk, fake angst, macho attitude. None of it ! Just plain heartfelt singin' & pickin'. How are you ever going to get heard in live pub gigs doing this? Chances are a good part of the current generation of live music goers will move on to appreciating lyrics & harmony like this. (Yeh...I wish!)

Here's a duet in perfect balance with their original & personal songs. The Yearlings weave intimate lyrics & harmony around each other until songs gain altitude & float off powered with just a tickle of banjo, a brush of fiddle or a touch of piano. Once you embrace the simple, unpretentious, pleasure of it all you can glide along with them in your own personal space. This is music meant for the gentler, kinder, more sensitive corners of your psyche. Playing the label game I'll run with... Adelaide Appalachian neo country folk grass blues! However don't be misled, there's a truly Ozmapolitan homespun world woven into this music

'got my old Holden to drive
got a 12-foot criusin wagon to drive...
...And the engines worn and there's steel showing on the tyres'

Robyn Chalken & Chris Parkinson seem to be now moving into that great ancient stream of song that constantly refreshes contemporary music. Personal songs that speak for us all, both uplifting & melancholic, touchingly poetic, snapshots of languid moods

"A beautiful day will come
....When I hear you sing those old fashioned tunes"
They do it all with grace & dignity. Its autumnal, heartfelt , mellow
...even beautiful.

A seismic shift may be happening in South Australian local music as much 'folk music' moves its base further towards Appalachian styles edging away British Isles Celtic. Robyn's got an irresistibly subtle skipping hic-up to some of her phrasing and the " O di o day o Oh you" line in "Falling Star" even has a daring hint of yodel!

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