

Music Reviews

By Sarah Newland

Round River cd By Mike Howe

Round River takes its name from Aldo Leopold's metaphor for ecology of the mythical river that was not linear but circular, forever flowing around and back into itself. Welsh national park ecologist Mike Howe is inspired by the neverending circle of nature to compose beautiful, heartfelt guitar melodies helping to foster a world in which the things that grow are love, spirituality, creativity, community, sustainable living, and the healing of the earth. Within his flowing acoustic guitar music, "is contained knowledge from the realm of Light. Our bodies vibrate with the notes, awakening memory and wisdom and bringing about balance and harmony."

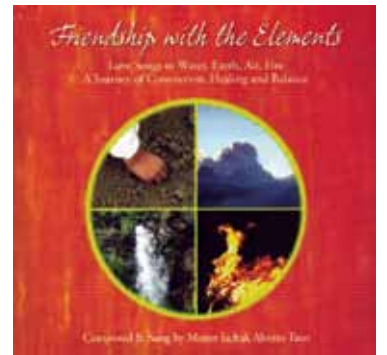
\$17.98 by Real Music
Shelved in Meditation Music



Friendship with the Elements cd By Master Iachak Alverto Taxo

These chants are love songs to the elements, sung by Alverto Taxo, a Master Iachak from the High Andes of Ecuador. The songs, sung in his native Kichwa language, are spontaneous outpourings of gratitude, affinity, friendship, and connection to water, earth, air, and fire. The sounds, the melodies, and most especially the feelings that come through his expression are an invitation to us to reconnect to the elements, and to our own heart - an invitation to remember that we are earth, air, fire, and water. He has also written a book by the same name.

\$14 by Moringa Records
Shelved in Native American Music



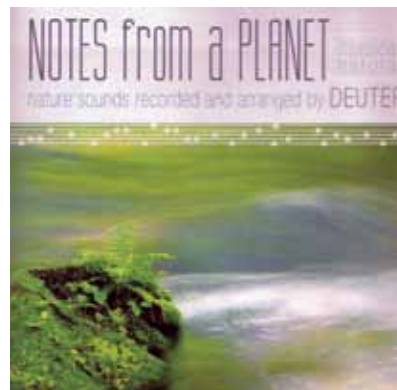
Faerie Archives Volume 1 cd Documented by High Priestess

The Society for the Preservation of Faerie Arts is dedicated to protect, preserve, and present art and music emanating from the Faerie Realm. This is the historic first recording of live faerie music. Thirteen tracks recorded at the famous House of Bliss, this timeless music weaves together harp, otherworldly strings, voices, and the ambience of magic itself. Inside, you will find authentic faerie photographs, a disc of faerie music, a map of the recordings, the story of how we came to be in contact with the Fae, and a few words of advice for the amateur faerie anthropologist.

\$15.98 by High Priestess Productions
Shelved in Celtic Music



Notes from a Planet cd



\$16.98 by New Earth
Shelved in Nature Music

Nature sounds recorded and arranged by Deuter

The sounds of birds, water, and wind are often no longer perceived consciously. We have become so accustomed to them, they have faded into oblivion, or they are covered up by manmade noises. By attending to nature sounds, we lift them back up into our awareness and allow them to have their harmonizing effects on our organism. And since nature's music has no beginning or end, it easily creates a sense of timelessness, relaxation, and deep well-being.



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