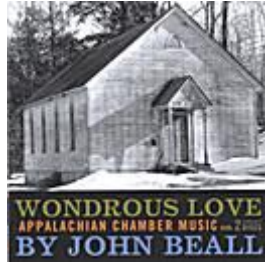


# Mp3 John Beall - Wondrous Love: Appalachian Chamber Music 2 Cd Set



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