

Mp3 Simon Elliot - Here I Am



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Simon is folk-based with pop and rock influences, it's the words that beg you listen---a pretty melody is like a pretty face, the depth of the lyric gives the song its personality. 10 MP3 Songs FOLK: Modern Folk, ROCK: Folk Rock Details: It was too many years ago, and I remember the Monday nights at the Cornelia Street Songwriters Exchange. Lucy Kaplansky and I had recently arrived in Greenwich Village from Chicago where we had been playing the clubs on Lincoln Avenue. That seems like another lifetime ago. I wrote quite a few songs to play for the Exchange, a couple of which are on this recording. A few of the people that used to regularly attend the Exchange are still out there playing. I sometimes surprise them at performances. The Cornelia Street Caf is still very much alive and well in Greenwich Village, a fact that gives me great comfort. Most of the places I played back in the day, like Folk City, for example, are long gone. However, enough nostalgia. Suffice it to say that many years ago I wrote many songs, and played them many times in many clubs. And then, as John Lennon once wrote in one of his lyrics: "Life is what happens to you when you're busy making other plans". I wound up traveling a different path, and the music kind of drifted away from me. I migrated away from NYC, eventually moving to West Virginia where I live now---immersed in a completely different career and a beautiful and wonderful wife, living a beautiful and wonderful life. But although the music drifted away from me in that I couldn't play every day, the songs stayed in my heart and mind over the years. I can't put my finger on the day, but finally the feeling overtook me that I had the responsibility to myself and whoever might want to listen to get them "out there". To me, the key to a good song is the lyric. I think I inherited this belief from my late father who was a lyricist himself. I consider myself a songwriter first and foremost, so I hope you enjoy this collection of songs and that the words ring true.

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