Mp3 Brian Roughton - Songs For My Funeral



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An intimate and heart warming backdrop for quiet introspection at a time of loss...Acoustic guitars weave contemplative melodies into an elegant tapestry of emotional rebirth... 13 MP3 Songs NEW AGE: New Age, CLASSICAL: Contemporary Details: Brian Roughton began his classical guitar studies at the Carver Creative and Performing Arts Center in Montgomery Alabama in 1988. From 1991-95 he attended Stetson University on a music scholarship. While at Stetson he studied composition with Paul Langston, and guitar with Stephen Robinson and Ricardo Cobo. Upon completion of a BM in guitar performance Brian moved to Connecticut where he attended the Yale School of Music. At Yale, Mr. Roughton studied guitar with Benjamin Verdery, and composition with Joe Rubinstein, and Harold Meltzer. In 1997 he completed an MM in guitar performance at Yale and returned to Montgomery to begin a career as a guitar instructor. In 1998 he opened a private teaching studio which gives public recitals and has grown into an organization with an enrollment of more than 100 students. When not involved in teaching, Brian composes works for electric and acoustic guitars, as well as computer generated music. His works range in style from serialism to minimalism with a rich harmonic palette. In his own words: Songs For My Funeral was a project that was begun in the fall of 2004. My wife and I were expecting our first child, and I came into a deeper awareness of my own mortality. As I told my Dad, the newborns replace the dying. I began to see myself as a part of the cycle instead of a separate unit. A chord progression would seem interesting and things would go from there. For the most part the music is improvisatory in nature. Many of the songs have no editing whatsoever so there is an austere quality about the album.

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