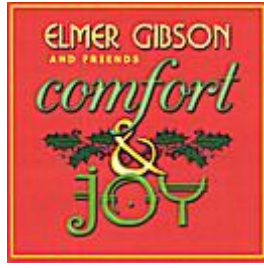


## Mp3 Elmer Gibson - Comfort & Joy



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Non-traditional, primarily Jazz arrangements of traditional Christmas songs featuring lush string arrangements, Jazz quartet, and concert band arrangements, for flute, soprano saxophone, and vocal leads. 10 MP3 Songs in this album (37:20) ! Related styles: EASY LISTENING: Classical Pop, JAZZ: Smooth Jazz People who are interested in Herbie Hancock Branford Marsalis Quincy Jones should consider this download. Details: Two weeks before Christmas of 2006, flutist Lori Barmer asked if I would help her record a CD of Christmas songs as a gift for her mother. Besides the obvious time crunch, I was completely unfamiliar with her choice of songs. Her selections had special meaning for her and her family while growing up in rural North Carolina, so I had to do some research to get an idea of the feel of each piece. We both wanted the recording to have a unique jazz flavor, so not only was I her accompanist, I was also the arranger. After studying the music, I found that all of the songs didnt lend themselves to strict jazz interpretations, so I added some intros and interludes, re-harmonized chords and changed the rhythms. Thanks to our good friend and mastering expert, Joel Leipzig, we met the deadline and produced a demo CD of six songs. I decided to give the music another listen about a year later and realized that the arrangements warranted a serious recording of holiday music. John Drymon, a fine organist and arranger himself, offered to re-program the general midi sounds I used with real recorded orchestral sounds. I added four more songs and invited some musician friends to join me. The result is Comfort and Joy, a collection that reflects several cultural influences, including German, French, English, Appalachian folk, and African-American folk. All of the songs are arranged as straight-ahead jazz, Brazilian samba rhythms, symphonic orchestrations even a touch of Sousa. I wish you much comfort and joy throughout the holidays! Peace, Elmer Gibson

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