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#### *Understated and charming American folk-roots*

Despite having started playing professionally in the Sixties and been a musician ever since this is Bruce Nemerov's first solo album. Which is a pity, as it's a lovely little thing, mixing traditional songs and tunes with originals in a rural folk style full of quietness and grace. Accompanied by just his delicately plucked acoustic guitar Nemerov sings in an understated way that focuses you to listen and makes you hear even hoary old standards like "Greensleeves" anew.

You can hear a lifetime of playing and experience in these songs and tunes, and craftsmen like Nemerov are the people who keep this music alive. It's not an album of highlights but more one of consistent high quality, though a strong version of "The Dreadful Wind & Rain", familiar in many guises and from many countries and here given a quietly mournful treatment, and a live, stompingly good-time take on "Kentucky Blues" are both noteworthy. Nemerov's music doesn't shout or demand your attention but just quietly sets up and gets on with it and gradually you're drawn in. Charming, laidback and a joy to listen to, this is a lovely album.

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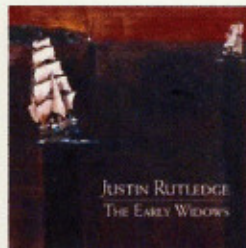


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