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I was always charmed by the old photo albums and "retro" style, and it's no wonder that I like, for example, Genesis 'Nursery Cryme' and Hasse Bruniussón's Flying 'Food Circus' albums so much... Now I am so glad to listening to the Guy Manning's new album and I want to admit - what a mood !

The album is the sequel to the 2006 "ANSER'S TREE", and these new stories are very interesting continuation of the "book". Its cover art by Ed Unitsky looks even more beautiful than the previous one – the same but winter Tree... The Lake... the Seagull... very "clear" but "bright" paints with amazing tincture !

So, meet the "Margaret's Children" there: seven different stories, full of almost "real" or "mystic" details, about different characters, that are shown by the different "colors" of Manning's musical palette. But - with "recognizable" style of composing, Guy's guitar and keys playing manner and character singing, "sweet" flute that reminds me JethroTull sometimes, and "exotic" instruments such as mandolins - fortunately, "something never changes". And, really, every song there is like a new "page" with a picture but all of them forms very complete album. First of all I notice its special atmosphere (and some "special effects" help - it can be 'sounds' or a short speech before the song from a "special guest"). Of course there were several melodies that I've remembered at once – from "o-o-oh, this is the year of wonders!" to the "Black Silk Sheets Of Cairo", and it was even a more big pleasure to "discover" other beautiful moments later and to know better this unusual musical leaves of the "family tree". Maybe it really exists on some "parallel" reality?... By the way, I think, it was a great idea with publishing of the characters' 'bios' with 'photos' before the release (some of the faces seem a bit familiar ;-) Oh – and I like Manning's ballads!

...In general, "Margaret's Children" is excellent album musically (and not only musically, as you see) - many thanks to all the great musicians of MANNING group and congratulations with the release!

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