Mp3 John & Mary & The Valkyries - Peace Bridge

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Immaculate folk-pop songs with music and lyrics that weave a magic spell. 13 MP3 Songs POP: Folky Pop, ROCK: Adult Alternative Pop/Rock Details: John Lombardo was a founding member of 10,000 Maniacs who wrote or co-wrote with Natalie Merchant the first two indie albums that got them signed to Elektra Records. Leaving the band on the cusp of national success John teamed up with the classically trained violinist Mary Ramsey who also possessed an amazing voice. They signed with Rykodisc in 1990 and recorded Victory Gardens and The Weedkillers Daughter with Rob Buck and Jerome Augustyniak of 10,000 Maniacs. John Mary spent much of 1990 on tour opening for the Maniacs. John would join the band on some of their earlier material, and Mary would lend her viola and backing vocals to a few songs in the set. When Natalie Merchant left 10,000 Maniacs, John rejoined the band, bringing Mary with him to handle the lead vocal role. The revamped Maniacs went on to record two albums, Love Among the Ruins and The Earth Pressed Flat. Sadly, Maniacs lead guitarist Rob Buck passed away in 2000, leading to the end of the John Mary era with 10,000 Maniacs. The duo recorded and released the independent Pinwheel Galaxy in 2001. The folk duo John Mary has always had a bit of a dichotomy- hauntingly pristine live performances combined with full-blown band instrumentation on their recorded work. Those albums included some of the worlds most enigmatic musicians, including Alex Chilton, Mary Margaret O'Hara, Joey Molland, Augie Meyers and the late great Ronnie Lane. Now John Lombardo and Mary Ramsey have augmented their new group, The Valkyries, with some of Buffalo's most interesting musicians. The collective includes Patrick Kane (The Stains, Paisley Tease, The Uncalled For), Rob Lynch (Rex Hobart, Doug Yeomans Ban, Plaster Sandals), Kent Weber (The Fems, Electroman, David Kane Quartet), Joe Rozler (Man'O'War, Sid Winkler Trio, Outer Circle Orchestra), and Nelson Starr (The Tails, The Eric Starr Band, The Jeff Martin Band).

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