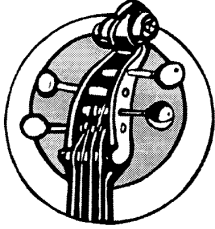




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Kendra Ward and Bob Bence
High Plains Rain [Upcreek UCP-114 (2000)] Hammered dulcimer and acoustic guitar are the primary tools Kendra Ward and Bob Bence, respectively, use to evoke landscape and emotion in a collection that comprises both lively originals and interesting reworkings of familiar tunes. Though the cover photo and title track suggest a focus on the plains of Texas, the liner notes reveal that the choice of tunes was inspired by many different landscapes. It's a fine collection, held

together more by the crisp dialogue between the two performers' playing than by a geographical point of view. Outstanding tracks include the original "High Plains Rain," Bill Monroe's "Jerusalem Ridge," and the traditional fiddle tune, "Cherokee Shuffle." (KD)



Kendra Ward and Bob Bence - shuffle between the two plains