



Kendra Ward & Bob Bence

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The Essential Album Guide

What to buy: *Dulcimer Country* (Upcreek Productions, 1995, prod. Kendra Ward, Bob Bence, Jim Martin) is a pleasing selection of classics such as "Chinese Breakdown" and "Listen to the Mockingbird," mixed with traditional sounding originals such as "Roses to Rhubarb" and "Worley's Waltz." The energy and excitement of this dup is evident throughout the recording, and the wonderful waltzes allowing us to breathe for a moment, before they head into the next up-tempo selection. Robin Kessinger adds a nice guitar line on "Devil's Dream," underneath Ward's flying hammers.

Some Glad Morning! (Upcreek Productions, 1994, prod. Kendra Ward, Bob Bence, Jim Martin) is an outstanding compilation of America's best-loved hymns including "Whispering Hope" and "I'll Fly Away." Martha Ward adds a background accordion accompaniment on several cuts which is a nice touch.