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Old Songs & New People

1995 Parents' Choice
Gold Medal Winner!



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Dvorak will make you feel like a kid

MUSIC REVIEW

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Remember these lyrics?

*Put your finger in the air, in the air
Put your finger in the air, in the air
Put your finger in the air, leave it there about a year
Put your finger in the air, in the air*

You were just a kid then and you can be one again when you listen to Mark Dvorak. His new CD, *Old Songs & New People* (Depot 016) is irresistible. No matter how old you are you'll find yourself singing along.

Dvorak digs out the best of the songs we all sang in elementary school -- Lead Belly's "Um-Kay Ear-hay" and "The Gray Goose;" Woody Guthrie's "Put Your Finger in the Air" and "Lay Down Little Dogies;" and a medley of traditional favorites: "Twinkle Little Star/Baa Baa Black Sheep/ABC Song."

He adds some lesser known songs such as Brownie McGhee's blues, "Jump Little Children;" Malvina Reynolds' "God Bless the Grass;" and the traditional "Juba."

Dvorak provides his own "Story of the Christmas Banjo" -- just one of many instruments he can play beautifully.

The mix is a wonderful blend of tradition, humor and nonsense -- a refreshing musical experience for the whole family.

"...a fabulous children's album...this is real music, not dumbed down for kids..."

-- KSCU
Santa Clara, CA

"...affectionate and respectful with singable choruses for the kids..."

-- Parents' Choice
Amherst, MA

"A delightfully intimate album...almost as good as a live Mark Dvorak concert...a final grade of A Plus."

-- WDCB
Glen Ellyn, IL

"Thoroughly entertaining!"

-- Lead Belly Letter
Ithica, NY

"Old Songs & New People is a folk powerhouse for kids and families...a lovely musical rocking chair to sink into and enjoy all together."

-- Heart Song Review
Scottsdale, AZ