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Ken Elkinson

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I'm not sure solo piano in the UK has ever recovered from Bobby Crush, certainly I can't remember a solo piano album outside of classical for many a year. Fortunately Ken Elkinson comes from the other side of the pond and hasn't been tainted with that stigma, he can devise instrumental songs on the ivories to his heart's content. "Link" is twelve tracks of patient reflection, even though the sleeve notes tell us Ken hates the number twelve. It's not a dynamic album, nor is it cheap or cheesy novelty. It's an album that you stop and listen, an album to lose yourself in and contemplate the day.

- Neil King