



REVIEW: AMBIENT HOLIDAYS VOL. 3 HALLOWEEN AMBIENT

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Ken Elkinson made a new CD for 2013. It's an ambient music album inspired by Halloween. He mailed me a copy and I popped it into the CD player directly. I always get excited when people send me their Halloween stuff to review! To say Ken is talented would be stating the obvious. So what else can I say about the musician except to talk about the Halloween music he composed.

Ambient Holidays is just that, ambient. There's a quaint nature to the tracks, something that took me back to the 70's, 80's and 90's. A hint of John Carpenter playing around with electronica in his earlier years before making Halloween. With Ken's music there's a certain amount of recognition I had, things came to mind like Escape from New York, They Live, The Thing, and Assault on Precinct 13. But it's his own. It's his own style. I also heard hints of 90's synthesizer, something more contemporary in my early days.

I thought that it would be best to play the CD while I was engaged in something else. That yielded a great result last time out after all. I feel like the music made life a bit uncomfortable as I sat and listened to it. I have to be honest that I didn't make all the way through each song. The five minute plus tracks with the repetitive tones just creeped me out a bit, like something small gnawing on the tip of a nerve on the back of my neck in a spot I couldn't quite reach, aside from just changing to the next track.

While I'm sure this would be excellent background music for a themed haunt or a spooky fun house, it's not for general listening. Hence the ambient part. It's meant for backgrounds. Just make sure you don't let it drive you mad with it's toned down tempo and eerie subtle chords.

If you're interested in checking out any of Ken's work including and especially this new Halloween CD, visit his site where you can grab a listen to a couple tracks and download one track for free. – <http://kenelkinson.com/halloween.html>

I'm going to serve give this CD a two scream salute!



- Mr. Frights