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CD Review – Music for Telecommuting Volumes 1 and 2, by Ken Elkinson

As perfect a set of new age CDs as Ken Elkinson's *Music for Commuting Volumes 1 through 6* are, his *Music for Telecommuting Volumes 1 and 2* are even better.

Both volumes of the new release are contained on one disc for a total of 20 tracks, which are among the best examples of new age music I have heard. Elkinson sticks to synthesizers and does not play or simulate any other instruments. This is a pure new age synthesizer CD that features a plethora of sonic textures filtered through majestic, awe-inspiring themes.

With just his synthesizers, Elkinson creates more of a substantial impression than many people do with a full ensemble. The compositions are both cosmic and intimate in their reach, conjuring a sense of inner and outer space, as well as humanity's place within those realms.

If I had to, I could pick a couple of tracks that I could consider my favorites, but there is really no need for that. The entire album is a wonder to behold from beginning to end.

Words don't do this kind of music justice. It needs to be heard, felt, and experienced.

--Raj Manoharan