

Reviews

Paddy Tutty

The Last Holdout (Prairie Druid Music)

Saskatchewan-based Paddy Tutty is a devotee of traditional music. Ancient ballads, story songs, laments, and seasonal songs from, or derived from, Celtic and English music make up this CD. There's a couple of Child Ballads (*Kemp Owyne* and *The Famous Flower of Serving*

Men), compositions by Peter Bellamy and James Boyes of Cooper Boyes and Simpson, and a song from Australia. Tutty plays fretted dulcimer, guitar, fiddle and concertina. The arrangements are sparse with a few unaccompanied songs included. Tutty has a somewhat fragile voice which in places would have benefited from more support. Overall, this is a well-researched and interesting collection.

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