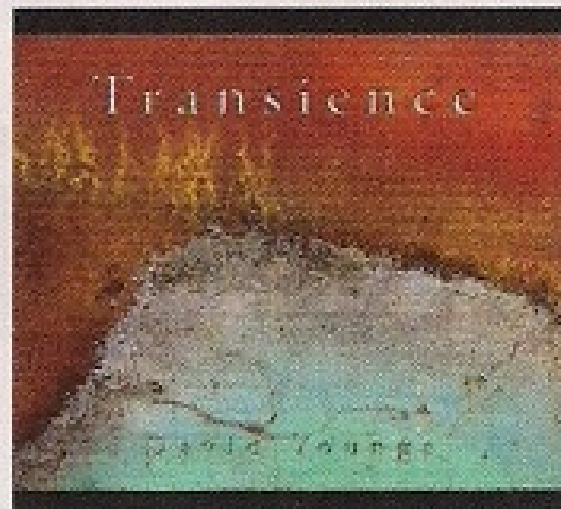


# DAVID YOUNGS

Transcience

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Right from the opening cut, '71210388', it's clear that this debut instrumental album from Cambridge-based acoustic guitarist, David Youngs, is rather special. Soaring harmonics, rapid picking, string bends and a wide range of timbres enhance the piece's intricate melodies, interwoven with unusual time signatures. Carefully controlled, Youngs' work has a delightful deftness – reminiscent of Eric Roche and Michael Hedges – and with bags of brooding power lurking beneath. He cuts loose on the punchy 'Dust, You And Me', turns in mesmerising, complex picking on 'Sun Spirit', produces impressive textures on 'Technomantra' and closes things in a mellow mood with 'Sea Shapes'. Crisply recorded at Youngs' home studio, it's a shining example of acoustic guitar instrumental playing at its finest. Highly recommended.

**Paul Strange**