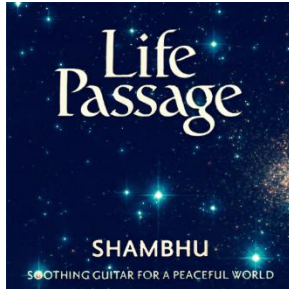


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Find the peace you are looking for with **Life Passage**, the newest release by contemporary guitarist **Shambhu** to accompany you. You will welcome the companionship of five intricate, yet passion filled tracks that allow the senses to drift along on an introspective road and become swayed by the tranquil path. Life Passage is a kind of musical account, a chronicle if you will, of a gifted musician that has challenged and changed the world with his humble music.

The album opens with the moderate track **Because of You**. It is easy to get lost in the melody of this unhurried, flowing offering. You can imagine the soft eyes, the easy smile, and the tender touch that is a gift each time you encounter her or him. But it is the gentle heart that is the real reward. The song features Michael Manning on sinuous bass and Frank Martin on poignant piano.

Gentle Flower became my favorite after only one listening. There was something warmly familiar in this idyllic ballad that seemed to slow the time. It was as calming as any magic elixir that acoustic alchemy could provide. The song had an improvisational feel to it as if friends were on the back porch and just strumming on a summer's eve.

You'll find your spirit drifting about with the title tune **Life Passage**. Shambhu's musical theme is a glimpse of the past, a quick look at the present, and a nod to the future all created by gentle riffs and runs. During one's lifetime there are many doors opened and closed. Some are never explored and others, well others are the places that make lasting memories. This music may be the key.

Mars. According to Robert Heinlein and Elton John there is no other place that fires the imagination like that angry red planet. When we think of Mars we may think of a rusty, lifeless world millions of miles from us and enshrouded in countless myths and legends. But for some it is like a bright, rosy glistening star in the night sky. Shambhu's subdued tune is called **Mars Dawn** and it fills the imagination with a sense of hope. So, imagine if you will the sun, our common bond, cresting over the horizon on this cold place. It provides what we all seek: light. Light to give purpose. Light to let us grow. Shambhu's transcendent tune catches the light and reflects it into our lives. Let us bask.

Shambhu, the last song on the album is an unexpected surprise. It the most lively of the five and is sort of a celebration of life. Count me in. Bright, colorful flute work by **Premik Russell Tubbs**, bouncy East Asian percussion by **Nelson Myers-Daly**, and animated guitar and sitar by Shambhu himself all combine to revel in the joy that is life. Whether you are in your car or in your office chair, it behooves you to join in the festivities.

As with Shambhu's last recording *Heart Awakening*, I was hoping for more songs on the album, but I am utterly satisfied with his offering just as before. It is easy to hear that Life Passage can substitute for your life's chronicles as well, just by getting involved with the music. In it you will find joy and happiness, challenges and answers for a hopeful soul. This music is the very best form of peace. For it is spirit driven music. Excellent. - R J Lannan, Artisan Music Reviews