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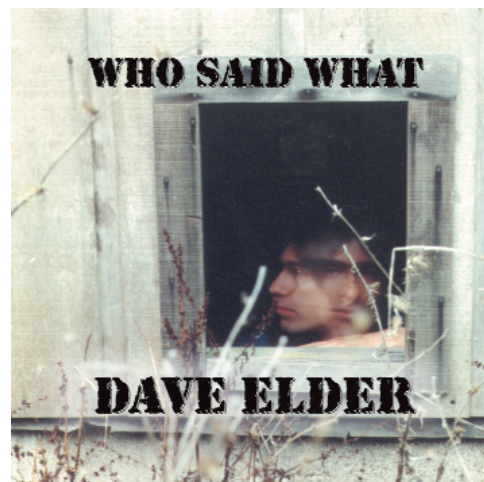


Dave Elder / *Who Said What*

Dave Elder's latest CD *Who Said What* strikes a balance between the personal and the political. The title comes from the phrase *who said what where, when and why* that's meant to remind a journalist to include all of the important details when writing the story. While many of the songs have a journalist's focus on current events, *Who Said What* opens with the hopeful romantic mood of *Go With Me* and closes with a nod to enduring friendship in *So Long Friend*. After opening, though, the record then moves into anti-war territory with *If I Was You*, and just before closing, it takes a dark turn through the sad story of Palestine in *Nobody Knows*. In this way the CD covers a lot of personal and political territory, in the space of 14 songs, with most of them clocking in at under 3 minutes.

About those current events, with the CD release of *Who Said What*, what's old is new again. Following his 2009 release *Elder Street*, Dave decided to do a CD remix of his 1988 cassette-only release, which ended up involving plenty of redo as well as remix, but the topical songs have lost none of their currency. If anything, time has given these songs additional layers of meaning, as the anti-war message of *If I Was You* resonates even more in the wake of the senseless Iraq and Afghanistan adventures, the concerns about nuclear power in *Wind Whistle* echo even louder following the Fukushima disaster, the sad story from Palestine in *Nobody Knows* turns another page with no end in sight, the Wall Street shenanigans in *Under the Table* have gotten much worse with taxpayer-funded bailouts, and politicians only want to play *Round Robin* even more to avoid taking responsibility for their actions.

Two of *Who Said What*'s topical songs — *If I Was You* and *Mark on the Land* — have appeared in issues of the progressive song magazine *Broadside*.



(album artwork)

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Track listing:

1. Go With Me
2. **If I Was You**
3. Wind Whistle
4. All My Mornings
5. Round Robin
6. One More Broken Thing
7. **Mark on the Land**
8. **Under the Table**
9. Song of the Wood
10. Dream Revelations
11. **Take Me Further**
12. Reasons Rhyme
13. **Nobody Knows**
14. **So Long Friend**