



Peter Knight and John Spiers hardly need any introduction as they are known to folk audiences throughout the land mainly for their numerous collaborations with other artists. Their own collaboration came about in 2016 when they came together in what was supposed to be a one-off concert for the FolkEast festival.

The name of this their second album 'Both In A Tune' was inspired by a line from Shakespeare's 'As You Like It'. The CD comes in a three-part card sleeve with photos of the artists on the front of the cover and the inside. There is no lyric sheet as there are no lyrics, at least not in these versions of the songs and tunes on the album – 10 in total.

For those few who haven't actually heard of either of the artists I should tell you that Peter Knight is a master violinist and an early and long-standing member of Steeleye Span. He then started his Gigspanner band originally a trio but now also evolved into a big band. John Spiers is a co-founder of Bellowhead and is widely known for being one of the best melodeon players around.

All the tracks on the album are traditional arranged by Knight and/or Spiers, except for the ones that aren't, and the whole album is also produced and mixed by the duo. You will probably recognise quite a few of the tracks but not certainly not all of them as this album sees the duo, in Knight's own words "... push the boundaries further, without forsaking the integrity of the tune itself." They take the traditional tunes and express them in a way in which you will never have heard them before.

For me, the middle section of the album is my favourite part with a string of up tempo dance tunes but as a former Morris Dancer you might excuse me for my preferences. Whatever your musical preferences you can be confident that you will hear some very fine musicianship and get something different from this album alongside some slightly more traditional interpretations.

Knight and Spiers are on tour in March and are in Cambridge and then Suffolk over the weekend of 11th – 13th. You can find out more about the album and the tour, along with other information on their individual websites:

<https://www.peterknight.net/> and <https://www.johnspiers.co.uk/>