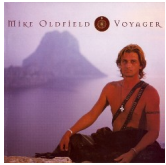


Mike Oldfield – Voyager (1996)

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1 *The Song Of The Sun* 4:33 2 *Celtic Rain* 4:41 3 *The Hero* 5:04 4 *Woman Of Ireland* 6:30 5 *The Voyager* 4:26 6 *She Moves Through The Fair* 4:07 7 *Dark Island* 5:44 8 *Wild Goose Flaps Its Wings* 5:05 9 *Flowers Of The Forest* 6:03 10 *Mont St Michel* 12:19 Mike Oldfield – acoustic (nylon & steel), electric & Roland synth guitars, mandolin, grand piano, synths (Korg Trinity, Roland JD990 & JV1080 & XP50), programming - Liam O' Flynn - Uilleann pipes - Davy Spillane - Uilleann Pipes, low whistle - Highland Pipers (Chris Apps, Roger Huth, Ian Macey, Bob MacIntosh) - Matt Molloy - flutes, tin whistles - John Myers - tin whistle, fiddle - Sean Keane - fiddle - Maire Breatnach - fiddle - Pat Walsh - (vocals) - London Symphony Orchestra - London Voices - chorus vocals - Noel Eccles - percussion - Henry Jackman - programming Robin Smith - conductor

Mike Oldfield has always been a bit of a musical dilettante, and *Voyager* is no exception. If he didn't come by it honestly, one might almost suspect this album's Celtic influences derived from that music's being in vogue when this disc was recorded. There are certainly some enjoyable melodies herein, but nothing that rises above the ordinary. Oldfield's stinging guitar work is in evidence, and some synthesized bagpipes try to lend it an air of majesty, but ultimately this recording doesn't really voyage much of anywhere. --- Ross Boissoneau, AllMusic Review

Great change of direction for *Voyager*. The cheesy part about it though has to be the cover! Musically it is very pleasant and Oldfield plays the Celtic theme very well. I think there are a few dull moments but the better songs like 'The song of the sun', 'Celtic rain', 'The Hero' and the superb 'Wild Goose flaps it's wings' save the day. I still can't get into 'Mont. St Michel' though. Normally Oldfield's longer tracks are the most accessible for me but this one eludes me. --- Chris S, progarchives.com

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