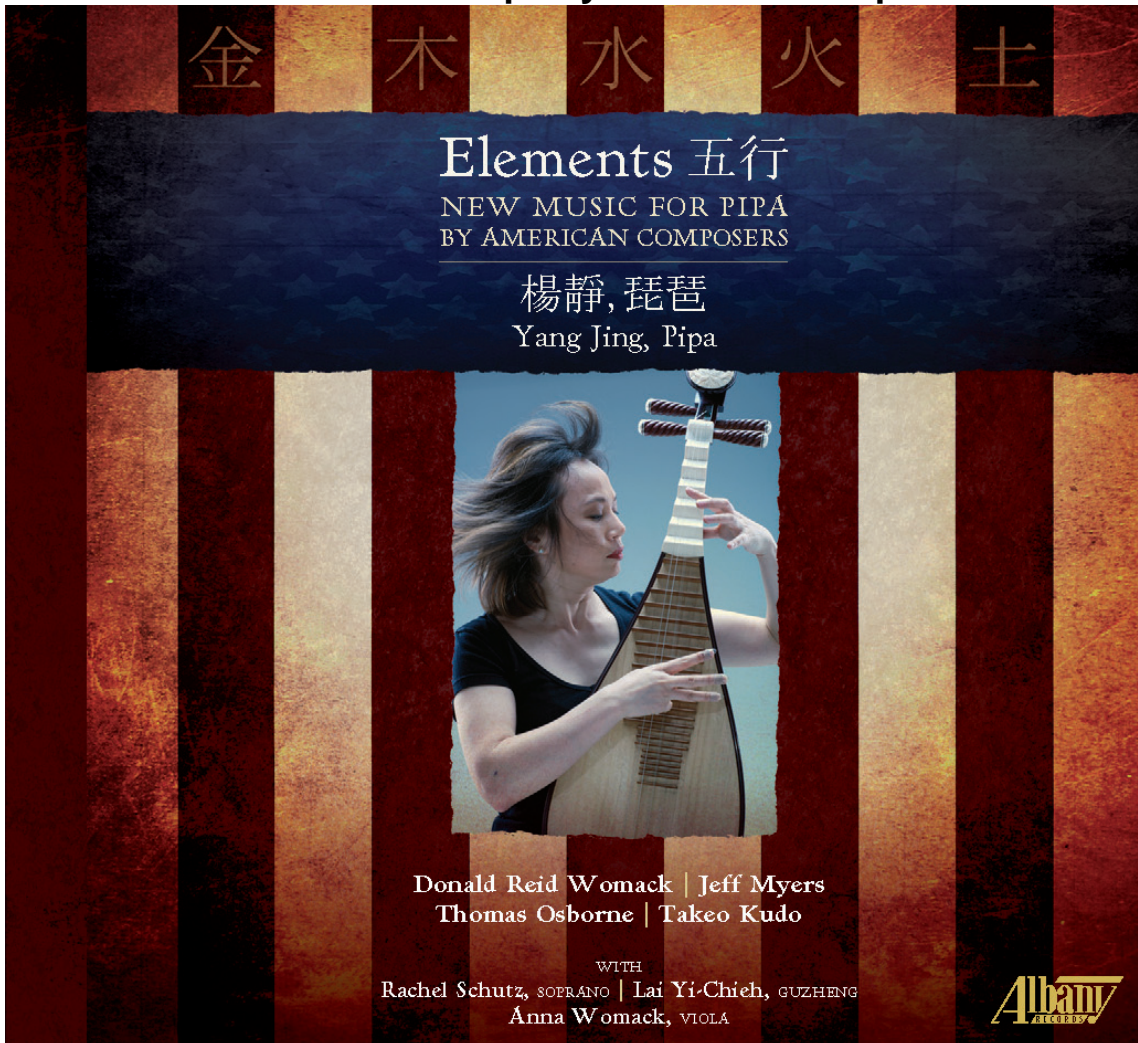




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Donald Reid Womack ??

Elements ?? (2010)

1 Fire ? [3:45]

2 Water ? [3:44]

3 Wood ? [2:26]

4 Earth ? [3:00]

5 Metal ? [4:46]

Yang Jing, pipa ??, ??

Jeff Myers ??

Turtle and Rat ??? (2012)

6 The Turtle ? (Rondeau) [3:06]

7 The Rat ? (Palindrome) [2:17]

Yang Jing, pipa ??, ??

Thomas Osborne ??

Rumi Songs ???? (2011)

Texts by Jalaluddin Rumi,

trans. by Coleman Barks

8 You've no idea how hard I've looked [3:59]

9 I want to hold you close like a lute [:51]

10 We are the night ocean [3:09]

11 I used to be shy [1:14]

12 When it's cold and raining [2:44]

Yang Jing, pipa ??, ??

Rachel Schutz, soprano ???

Takeo Kudo ??

13 White Crane ?? (2011) [6:26]

Yang Jing, pipa ??, ??

Donald Reid Womack ??

14 An Enveloping Rain ???? (2011) [11:13]

Yang Jing, pipa ??, ??

Lai Yi-Chieh, guzheng ??

Anna Womack, viola ???

Total Time = 52:40

Producer: Donald Reid Womack

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