

Family Vineyard



THE BLITHE SONS ARM OF THE STARFISH

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Sparkling Diatoms * Sun Anemone

Animals of the Seashore * Foam * Sea-Glass

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The best comparisons might be **Flying Saucer Attack** and **Richard Youngs** collaborating on an unplugged psych meditation, a tree-bound **Calvino**-inspired **Ghost** with even more droning patience, a restive California-style **International Harvester**, **Sun City Girls** when they drone the Eastern thing, or a stretched-out **This Kind of Punishment** minus the rusted baritone.

-- *Pitchforkmedia*

Arm of the Starfish is the fifth full-length release from the outdoor wandering **The Blithe Sons**, the **Jewelled Antler**-related duo of **Loren Chasse** (id **Battery**, **Thuja**) and **Glenn Donaldson** (the **Birdtree**, **Thuja**, **Mirza**), and their second CD for **Family Vineyard**. Performed mostly in coastal environs on acoustic and battery-powered instruments, the sound of waves, wind, tide pools, seabirds and shifting sand plays an active role in these minimalist folk atmospheres. Incorporating 12-string cuatro, acoustic guitar, dulcimer, banjo, harmonium, percussion, toy amplifiers, wood flutes, Thai mouthorgan, violin-uke, Casio and Donaldson's mysterious vocal utterances, *Arm of the Starfish* evokes haunted shorelines, windswept cliffs and vast undersea caverns.

Also Available:

We Walk The Young Earth CD (Family Vineyard) FV21

THE BLITHE SONS DISCOGRAPHY

Dirt & Clouds CDR (Jewelled Antler, 2000)

Waves of Grass CDR (Jewelled Antler, 2001)

Stairways in Green Shadows 7-inch lathe Root Don Lonie For Cash, 2003)

We Walk the Young Earth CD (Family Vineyard, 2003)

Green Mansions CDR (Jewelled Antler, 2003)

Arm of the Starfish CD (Family Vineyard, 2004)

Selling Points:

1) The Blithe Son's previous Family Vineyard release *We Walk the Young Earth* was critically acclaimed the world over by *Mojo*, *The Wire*, *Pitchforkmedia*, *Vice*, *Dusted*, *Signal to Noise*, and many other publications.

2) The duo runs **Jeweled Antler**, the San Francisco-based label that has forged a loyal following for their limited edition, hand-made releases and organic musical aesthetic

3) **Loren Chasse** is well known as an experimental sound and visual artist under his own name, and as a member of **id Battery**, and **Emperor Jones** recording group **Thuja**.

4) **Glenn Donaldson** was a member of wildly popular and now-defunct San Francisco space-rock / drone-core ensemble **Mirza**, and currently records with **Thuja**, **The Knit Separates**, **Sky Green Leopards**, **San Franciscan Hobbies**, **The Olivetree**, and **The Birdtree**.

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