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Alan Tompkins *No Part Of Nothin'*

Alan Tompkins has put together an unbelievable first album. *No Part Of Nothin'* is a collection of twelve Bluegrass songs and a slew of great guests, including Ron Stewart, Sam Bush, Kenny and Amanda Smith, Randy Kohrs and more. The album opens with the song, "I'm Blue, I'm Lonesome," which was written by the legendary Bill Monroe and Hank Williams. Amanda Smith co-sings this song with Tompkins, and their voices blend together wonderfully.

The traditional "More Pretty Girls Than One" is another splendid track. Sam Bush plays mandolin on this song, while Kenny Smith sings with Tompkins. Tompkins has a pure tone to his vocal that really fits well for some of these duets. "When It Comes To You" is a haunting song about having a hard time when it comes to understanding his woman. The acoustic guitar playing on this track is spectacular, as is the banjo picking.

"Shenandoah Waltz" is a playful, slow-moving song about waltzing with a girl he loves in the Shenandoah Valley. Deryl Dodd accompanies Tompkins on this song.

One listen to this and you will understand why Dodd was a nominee for ACM New Male Vocalist. If you like Bluegrass, then you will love this album. The songs are great, the production is spectacular and Tompkins knows how to deliver a great album!