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RUSS BARENBERG/When At Last

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The title of his publishing company says it all. Barenberg's touch on the guitar strings is simply a delight. This wistful title tune feels like a caress on your skin. The other instrumentals here alternately dazzle the mind, soothe your spirit and fill your heart. This is a collection of lyrical, "new acoustic music" of the highest order, rather than bluegrass. And I recommend it without reservation. – Robert K. Oermann