

# Sing Out!

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Mark Elliott, formerly part of the successful duo Culley and Elliott, is a Nashville writer and solo performer. My Great Escape is Mark's second solo album to date; coming a mere thirteen years after his first. Featuring Mark's powerful voice and eleven of his generally superbly well written songs, this recording is well-worth several spins in your CD player. Produced by Doug Wayne, it is a polished and professional product.

Unlike most Nashville projects, the songs on this album have mostly been written by one person. Only four of the eleven songs are co-written. "Stars in Their Eyes" is a collaborative creative effort and duet between Elliott and folk songwriting elder statesman Tom Paxton. While co-writing is strongly encouraged in Nashville to build a high flow of songs, it frequently leads to mediocrity. Not here, however. This album reflects the vision of one man, and it does so clearly and precisely. The lyrics are interesting and meaningful. Elliott delivers them cleanly so that every word is understandable. My Great Escape is a superb album. Bravo. - VKH