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**COUNTRY WAYS**

(AGITATED)

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**SPRAWLING SECOND  
ALBUM FROM SAN  
FRANCISCAN PSYCH  
TROUPE**

**TWO MEMBERS** of Carlton Melton once plied their trade in cult outfit Zen Guerilla. Back then, their psychedelic impulses were tethered to a soulful garage punk sound which made them underground heroes; these days, they've allowed themselves to drift into a hazy, spaced-out reverie. This stuff can easily sound self-indulgent, but Carlton Melton's atmospheric cloud of sound is so immersive that it simply swallows such criticisms whole. Only bonus live track March Of The Cicadas comes even close to rock, but the ambience of the rest of Country Ways is undeniably powerful; from the opening, 20-minute title-track onwards, this is a sublime example of psychedelia at its most expansive and exquisite.

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