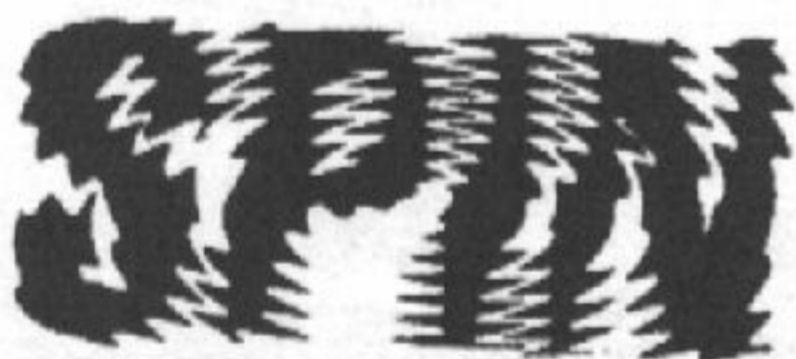


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Albums of varied sonic
design reviewed...

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Art Phillips, *The Flying Vet* (ABC): Music from the TV series, but on its own you don't think so much of terrible things like old cats and dogs being put down, or the suffering of hundreds of unfortunate animals waiting for the attentions of the airborne bloke in the Akubra (Peter Trembath, who covers 500,000 square kilometres in the Northern Territory). On its own, the music is suitably melancholy, sometimes sprightly, bushy or desert twang atmospheric, but you tend to be impressed by the beautifully produced and performed quality of it for its own sake. Art Phillips (acoustic, electric and slide guitars, mandolins, keyboards, Midi-sequencing and drum programs) has made 23 short, mostly acoustic instrumentals of excellent design and quality, and it would be interesting to hear what he has up his sleeve apart from soundtrack assignments.