



## Duncan Park “Canticles of the Sourveld”

A collection of songs inspired by the South African eastern escarpment landscape that stretches from the Drakensberg mountains, through the Natal highlands and the border of the Free State, into Mpumalanga and Limpopo Province. The places, sounds, people, animals, histories, myths, plants, smells and soil of this strip of land where I grew up, where I feel most at peace, and where I am happiest.

Instruments used: acoustic steel string guitar, electric guitar, many pedals, orbaphone, chimes, shakers, singing bowl, bells, cigar box guitar, charango, pennywhistle, field recordings, and organ samples.

Field recordings made at Culamoya Chimes and the Ugly Duckling in the KZN Midlands, and the Buddhist Retreat Centre, just outside Ixopo.

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“Canticles of the Sourveld [...] is a raw and homegrown song cycle that traces the rugged beauty of South Africa’s eastern escarpment - a place where the land’s ancient sanctity seeps into the lives of its inhabitants. Recorded solo at his Durban home, Park weaves acoustic steel guitar, chimes, and singing bowls into tracks that murmur with palpable sorcery.”

— New Commute

“Canticles of the Sourveld is a work deeply rooted in the South African eastern escarpment, a landscape from which Duncan Park draws inspiration for his songs, and is best described as a collection that captures the essence of this region, including its natural elements, people, and histories, through a blend of field recordings and musical compositions.”

— F. Furter, Shake, Rattle & Grunt

### Tracklist:

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|----------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Morning at Van Reenen         | 12:09 |
| 2. Buddleia                      | 02:11 |
| 3. Kingfisher's Refuge           | 09:16 |
| 4. Giant's Castle                | 03:24 |
| 5. Screaming Insects In The Heat | 10:12 |
| 6. Spioenkop                     | 09:12 |
| 7. Swing Low, Sweet Chariot      | 09:54 |



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