"... and seven women shall take hold of one man," so says Jeremiah, not exactly in anticipation of the elements which would bring together a folk album some 2500 years later. But with a prophet, who knows for sure? One thing is certain: it was almost inevitable that our musical paths—the Pennywhistles and my own—would have to cross sooner or later. The material the girls chose to perform in concerts and on records was indeed akin to much of mine and their manner of performing it, their zest and faithful regard for the source, had always commanded my respect and admiration. So we came together, determined to achieve both a blend and a distinctiveness of style. The songs are of the earth, of people close to the soil whose emotions are stark and simple yet whose musical expressions are often complex and sophisticated (but no one who has ever heard the dexterity of a country fiddler or banjo picker will wonder at that.) The songs are real and true; we hope the listener will feel we have done justice to them.

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Francine Brown • Shelley Cook • Joyce Gluck
Alice Kogan • Deborah Lesser • Ehel Raim • Dina Silberman

SONGS OF THE EARTH

SIDE ONE

1. NISKA BANJA—Serbian Gypsy Dance
2. OI, TAMUNI MAY—Russian
3. DOBROVECHR DIWCHYN—Ukrainian
4. SAJ MESECE SERBIAN

SIDE TWO

1. SEGALA LA NIÑA—Spanish
2. KALO DUDA—Russian
3. TIO MONI EN YNA KOKI I Walnut—Macdonald
4. THALASSA—Greek
5. KUDRAYCHIK MALADY—Russian

INSTRUMENTALISTS:
Anetl Shapin, Bouchaev, Ruben Zivi, Perske
Arthur Rose, Mandolow, Milt Shapin, Accordion, Michael Stulit, Cymbaion
William Takas, Das, Eric Weissberg, Guitar, Banjo, Mandolin

ORCHESTRAL ENSEMBLE FOR SWEET EARTH BENT HEINE & PIRUT SUITE
Fred Heilman, Conductor, Stan Free, Harpsichord & Accordion, Romeo Penque, Reeds
Charles George, Cello, Bob Rosenzweig, Percussion

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SONGS OF THE EARTH
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1. NSKAY BANJA - Serbian (Trad.) 2:25
2. OI, TUMANI MAYI
   Russian (M. B. Isakovsky, Z. Zakharov) 3:04
3. DOBRYVECHIR DIWCHYNO - Ukrainian (Trad.) 2:26
4. SJAJ MESECE - Serbian (Trad.) 5:05
5. GET UP GET OUT
   (Matt McGinn, Appleseed ASCAP) 1:26
6. SWEETEST DREAMS BE THINE (J. Friedman) 3:43
SONGS OF THE EARTH
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1. SEGABA LA NIÑA  - Spanish (Trad.) 2:57
2. KALODA DUDA  - Russian (Trad.) 3:25
3. TINO MORI and SVA NOK LE NADO
   Macedonian (Trad.) 4:30
4. THALASSA  - Greek (Trad.) 3:00
5. PURIM SUITE (Dov Seltzer, Itzik Manger) 4:44
6. KUDRYAFCHIK MALADOI  - Russian (Trad.) 1:30