

BLONKER**"STRAIGHT AHEAD"****CD**

(Acoustic Music 319-1264-2; Germany; 46 mins)

Straight Ahead / Mother And Son / Funky Line / I Will Never Forget / On The Run / Dduje Core Pazze / La Fenice / Magenta / Hallelujah / Klaar Kiming / African Rain

Blonker is the name under which German guitarist Dieter Geike has released a series of instrumental albums, and indeed the 1979 hit *Indigo* which was covered by both The Shadows and The Spotnicks. Dieter plays electric and acoustic guitars over a backing of synth keyboards, bass and drums. It's all very melodically smooth and laid back, nothing to offend and nothing too exciting. One of the best melodies is *I Will Never Forget* which is

hauntingly catchy. The first drama comes with the rainstorm effects and moody feel of *On The Run* which ends with sinister marching feet. *Dduje Core Pazze*, the only non-original track, maintains the mood courtesy of some sustain soloing, *La Fenice* has a proud melody while *Magenta* swings along lightly.

[thanks to Horst Schroder] *Alan Taylor*
(Postfach 1945, 49009 Osnabruck, Germany.
www.acoustic-music.de)