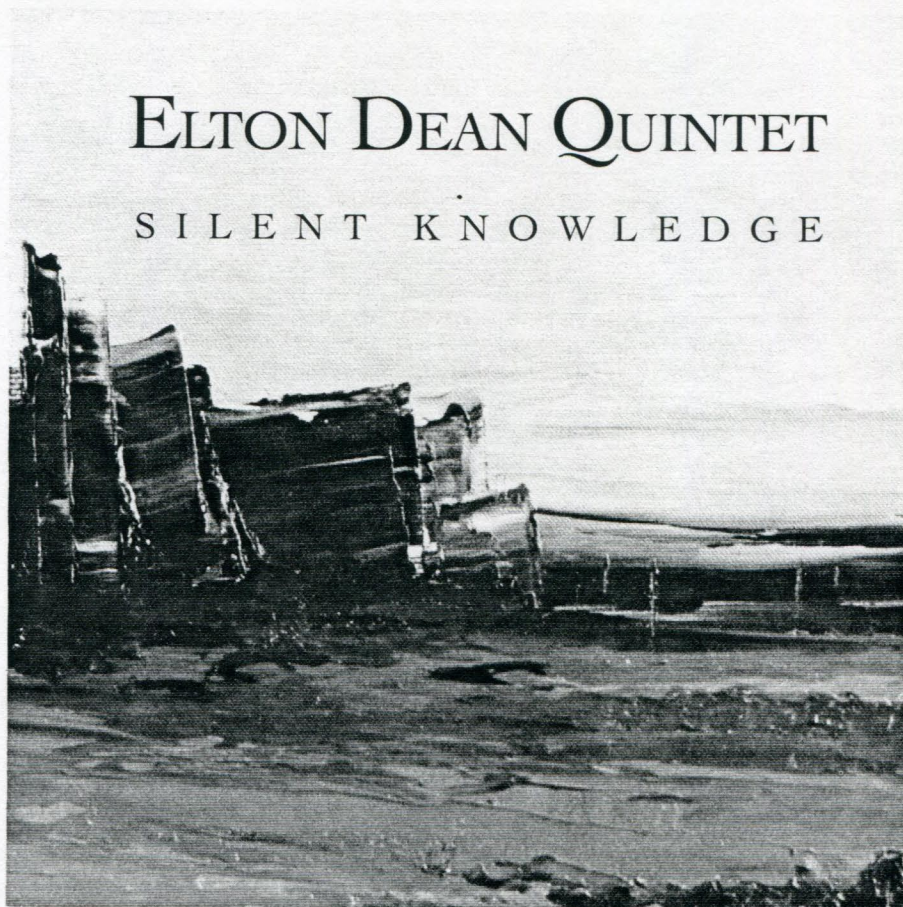


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English jazz saxophone legend Elton Dean has been in the public eye for over 30 years. He started his career in 1965 with the legendary blues singer Long John Baldry in Baldry's band Bluesology, where Dean also performed with pianist Reg Dwight. (Dwight later became Elton John, renaming himself after bandmates Elton [Dean] and [Long] John [Baldry].)

Elton Dean has played in numerous acclaimed groups over the years, including the Keith Tippett Group (1968-69), Soft Machine (1969-1972), Centipede (1971-72), Hopper/Dean/Tippett/Gallivan (1977-78), In Cahoots (1973-present) and many others. His discography as a band leader is extensive and as a band member, enormous.

"Silent Knowledge" is the first US release in which Dean is featured as band leader. It is also the first recording anywhere by his current quintet, composed of longtime collaborators/players from Dean's innermost musical circle. Besides playing in the Elton Dean Quintet, reed player Paul Dunmall, bassist Paul Rogers and percussionist Tony Levin are members of the improvising collective Mujician (on Cuneiform) and are involved in many, many side projects. Pianist Sophia Domancich has been a member of Equipe Out, as well as leading her own sessions on a variety of French labels. On "Silent Knowledge," these five gifted players intersperse arranged compositions with free-blowing passages, evoking moods that range from swinging to explosive.