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**Jennifer Ferguson: Untimely (Tic Tic Bang)** Ferguson is one of this country's best singer-songwriters, though some find her theatricality and her emotional intensity a bit of an acquired taste. This CD is a re-release of her 1990 album, now book-ended by short and long versions of Dave Marks's 1966 hit *Master Jack*, which Ferguson links to the assassination of Hendrik Verwoerd. It is a superb reading that gives a new life to the song. The album is excellent, particularly what was the second side: it addresses the traumas and oddities of Eighties South Africa with a poetic and melodic skill that takes it way beyond agit-prop. What is really wanted, though, is a CD of new Ferguson songs. — *SaW*