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PREVIEW CD REVIEWS

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LUCKY TOWN
"Welcome to Lucky Town"
(Daradream Records)

KEVIN KELLEHER AND FRIENDS
"Reflections of the Sun"
(Sword Music)

Virginia Beach talent is well-represented on two new discs, both self-released and oceans apart in style.

Lucky Town has a sure-fire hit in "Simple." One of four tracks produced at David Lowery's (Cracker) Sound of Music studio, it's filled with punchy chord changes and happy-go-lucky vocals from Courtney Criswell. It's also a natural for the popular girl-rock format.

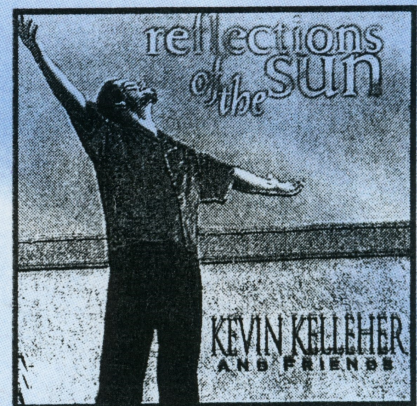
With its Garbage-influenced rhythmic flow and a guitar riff that recalls Fleetwood Mac's "Oh,



Well," "Highwire" is an attention-grabber, too.

Kevin Kelleher relies heavily on technology and the help of his friends on "Reflections of the Sun," a set that ranges from Top 40 pop ("Reflections") to uplifting reggae ("My Sweetheart")

The sparse instrumentation on



"Picture of Life" gives guest vocalist Pier-Angeli Quinones ample room to exercise her soulful Sade appeal. Another nice ballad is "Prayer for the Persecuted," on which Ace Winn contributes guitar and vox.

— Jeff Maisey, *The Pilot*