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for Your Mind series. For the ultimate prog roadtrip experience, I recommend the Desert Island Prog series of CDs
compiled by members of alt.music.sound.mp3.prog (there has been three editions, with approx 20 CDs each year).
90% of the selections are solid progs, and care was taken to prevent repeat selections. The whole gamut, from RIO to
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Giant, PFM, Focus, etc. ciao

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It would be nice to see Kreen Akrore on the list just to honor one of whom for which we are here gathered. It's progressive in its own way, although without a lot of transisters, and might be a nice aural break from all the electronic density. What, no soft spot for King Crimson? Timothy J

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I'm inclined to agree with the space rock, as opposed to prog argument. Floyd just doesn't have prog's typical emphasis on instrumental flash, and a lot of their music is targeted at a mainstream FM-rock audience rather than the prog crowd. To me, the best argument for Floyd's prog relevance comes from the group's least popular period: the druggy jams on albums like Ummagumma, More and Atom Heart Mother.

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