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Posted by [ottawarocks](#) on Tue, 12 Sep 2006 17:21:15 GMT

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Posted by [DC](#) on Tue, 12 Sep 2006 19:21:22 GMT

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These have worked well into 2-ohm loads before, and may be just the ticket.

<http://www.qscaudio.com/products/amps/powerlight2/powerlight2.htm>

You may want to ask them about your situation in advance.

BTW, they sound terrific too.

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 12:50:19 GMT

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The Alesis Matica 500 and 900 will both drive 2 ohm loads. There's a Matica 500 on EBay right now. The 900's come up from time to time as well.

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 13:43:35 GMT
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Posted by [DC](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 15:28:01 GMT

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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 23:38:26 GMT

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Yeah, one of these einsteins actually said:

"That was an unusual-sounding work that explored the use of parallel 6ths. Most people find it a bit hard to listen to at first..." (this was at 2am!)

I needed a warm milk...

perhaps some Ovaltine?

heh

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Posted by [DC](#) on Thu, 14 Sep 2006 07:14:46 GMT
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In another life, circa 1980, I used to sell them. They were pretty big back then. I did not realize they had a smaller version, let alone one you could wall mount.

They always sounded really nice with classical.

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