Colbie Caillat - All of You (2011)



01 - Brighter Than the Sun 02 - I Do <u>play</u> 03 - Before I Let You Go 04 - Favorite Song 05 - What If 06 – Shadow <u>play</u> 07 - Think Good Thoughts 08 - Like Yesterday 09 - All of You 10 - Dream Life, Life 11 - What Means the Most 12 - Make It Rain

Colbie Caillat's sweetness turned a little too syrupy on her sophomore set, Breakthrough, so it's a relief to hear a bit of a snap to the sunny songs on 2011's All of You. It's a difference evident in the rhythms -- she's not just strumming, she's swinging, sometimes urged along by handclaps -- it's a difference evident in the bigger, bolder melodies and, most of all, it's evident in the production, the record bubbling with textures and colors that keep Caillat from succumbing to her inherent pleasantness. Colbie is so cheerful she even brings warmth to notoriously chilly hitmaker Ryan Tedder, who nobly sacrifices his sheets of sounds at the altar of Caillat's beachside pop because there is no darkening her sun. Despite a slightly heavier accent on reggae, both in the rhythms and the lyrics, the noteworthy shift on All of You is that Colbie Caillat has embraced soft rock, letting her surface shine and sparkle, letting her songs pulse with melody instead of drifting off into an amiable sleep. The result is easily her best record yet: a soundtrack equally comforting during a lazy weekend afternoon or a hard Monday morning. ---Stephen Thomas Erlewine, Rovi

Colbie Marie Caillat (born May 28, 1985) is an American pop singer-songwriter and guitarist from Malibu, California. She debuted in 2007 with Coco, which included hit singles "Bubbly", "Realize", and "The Little Things". In 2008, she recorded a duet with Jason Mraz, "Lucky", which won a Grammy. Caillat released her second album, Breakthrough, in August 2009.

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Breakthrough was nominated for Best Pop Vocal Album. She was also part of the group that won Album of the Year for her background vocals and writing on Swift's Fearless.

All of You is the third studio album by Colbie Caillat. The album's lead-single "I Do" was released on February 7, 2011 and has charted at number 23 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and at number 11 on the Adult Pop Songs.

"I still incorporate all the styles that I love that were on Breakthrough and Coco, but it's a new chapter," she said in a Billboard interview. "I've experienced more and I've written with new songwriters who are really talented, but it's still my same music and feel and sound. The songs are more up-tempo on this record, and it's like a full-on summer album." Caillat began recording All of You last summer in California and finished up the album between tour dates last fall.

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