Anne McCue - Koala Motel (2006)



01 Driving Down Alvarado (4:50) 02 From Bakersfield To Saigon (4:06) 03 Bright Light Of Day (3:37) 04 Hellfire Raiser (6:46) 05 Sweet Burden Of Youth (5:49) 06 Coming To You (3:54) 07 Any Minute Now (4:45) 08 Jesus' Blood (3:11) 09 Shivers (6:58) 10 As The Crow Flies (6:22) 11 Lay Me Down (4:04) 12 Koala Motel (4:18)

If you're of a certain age and inclination, you'll welcome Anne McCue's Koala Motel as kin to Pretenders II, Shoot Out the Lights and Rumours. But while some artists boast their influences like a window display at a trendy vintage store, counting the gems on on the Australian singer/songwriter's second disc is like walking through an art gallery, with something to delight and intrigue at every turn. There's the fuzzed-up scrim of her blues guitar on "As The Crow Flies"; the harmonies (with John Doe), reminiscent of Richard and Linda Thompson, in "Driving Down Alvarado"; the plaintive country edge of "Shivers." On this last track... McCue sounds like her alto came out of God's workshop. She's confident, polished, smart, and Koala Motel is wholly original — and indelible. - *Pamela Murray Winters, Harp Magazine*

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