

Jennifer Mlott – Once Upon A Time

The wonderful Jennifer Mlott hits us with a brilliant piece of 'country meets rock' pop song. No stranger to these ears, her songs continue to inspire and please in equal measure.

Once Upon A Time deals with the age-old topic of relationships, in this case the breaking up of a relationship by a straying partner. The first and second verses deal with how things fell apart, however, the chorus sees the returning of strength to the rejected party and realization of what has been lost by the guilty party. This lyric sums it up perfectly :

'Crying So Many Tears, You Might Drown'

The second chorus sees the introduction of orchestral stabs by a keyboard, enhancing the song further, also some nice sustained or slide guitar adds counter melody to the vocal line.

An excellent guitar solo grabs the attention in the middle section, an even bigger highlight is the soloist being joined by Mlott duetting and harmonizing as the solo continues.

The idea of the duet continues into the final chorus with vocal harmonies giving the idea that we can all join in. Probably, most of us can relate to the song's subject matter so we should all sing along.

Musically, the arrangement is superb, with fine rhythm and acoustic guitars driving the song at a cracking pace willingly aided and abetted by a driving drumbeat. In amongst this is a cracking bass line. You could easily imagine a dance re-mix of this song using what has already been produced.

Jennifer Mlott perfects the combination of country rock and pop in 'Once Upon A Time'. In Scotland, where I am from, we have two singers at the top of this style who have made international breakthroughs, **Amy MacDonald** and **K.T. Tunstall**, Jennifer Mlott should be up there with them as she continues to craft wonderful songs.

More please!!!

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