

Sophie Dorsten – Until June

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Things appear to be on the up and perhaps the world is beginning to slowly waken up to its mistakes and look to a better future. Sophie Dorsten treats us to a folk-waltz influenced song, a happy song, a hopeful song in which she is accompanied by her brother Alex on guitars and percussion. How lovely to see a home setting in the lyric video, the siblings quite clearly enjoying themselves with their 'bonny' wee dog. It adds to the hopeful vibe!

After a broken chord entry on acoustic guitar the song goes straight into cheery waltz mode, the lyrics reflecting the hope for a better world :

'Wish the sun could lay with me all day'

A yearning to get back outside, explore, meet people, something most of us have missed.

The second verse sees the introduction of the floor tom and rim shots, well placed enhancing the song, reminding me of an acoustic Glasvegas. This drives the song, rhythmically and allows Sophie to show even more emotion in her vocal delivery during a more forceful middle section.

'I just know that that my dreams – they're not with you'

Hints of a new beginning, something we can all relate to.

A wonderful descant leads us to the third verse where an electric guitar becomes more prominent with some tastefully placed notes highlighting the start of each bar, which in turn highlights the waltz nature of the song. All of this leads to a wonderful ending with sad minor chord reflecting past worries leading to a more hopeful major chord to finish.

Sophie Dorsten has a beautiful voice; she harmonizes beautifully, and it all looks effortless. This is a wonderful song and special mention must go to her brother, Alex. Clearly, he is a fine musician and we can all see how much he enjoys making music with his sister.

As said before it is wonderful to hear an optimistic song that overcomes doubt and encourage self-confidence, it is also wonderful to see these young musicians make lovely music.

Sophie Dorsten is a considerable talent, I love her music, I look forward to hearing and seeing more. Who knows, hopefully we can all look forward to seeing her 'live' in the near future.