

Sophie Dorsten – Until June

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The introduction of, "Until June," sees acoustic guitar sounds string a wee run of Hispanic Music. This quickly changes to an established primary base, that later sees subtle drums .

The base rhythm and sounds are rather playful and immediately reminded me of Oom Pah Pah music, from Polka Music; quite well befitting to the child-like subtleties within the theme and delivery.

Sophie wrote the lyrics after Alex wrote the Music and she tossed the melody. Both are using different, acoustic guitars. I can actually garner some metaphorical inferences to the theme from the instrument and melody choices, or I'm way too tired! The concept is timely and put forth in a way that is coming from free thinking and insight.

"YOU" represents doubt; that with which she battles, not to ruin her dreams. The dreams that are blissfully childlike are metaphors to her future music dreams: "Play all day.... In the sun all day, in fields of blue, dancing in the rain," all, very much the joys of her inner kid I don't believe Sophie shall ever lose.

Her future dreams are manifested in these innocent and volatility revealing lyrics, while her future plans hibernate in fear and doubt, of the foul, dark air of Covid, through which no one can see what the ending shall be. She is haunted by doubt but gunning up to refuse it anymore!

Sophie carries these lyrics so sincerely, beautifully and evokes emotion and relatability. Throughout, her vocal register is, "Simply Sophie;" sublime technically and committed truthfully.

When her vocal brawls with doubt towards the latter of the video, she kicks it up to a more anthemic ballad, including clever add on like, "O O O O;" another layer is added, that reveals where she is and makes the tune even more entertaining.

The video is wonderful, rather audacious, comparatively. It comes out of left field, bringing a new visual and musical look at young people, isolated in their homes and even adds the pup!

One of my favorite scenes is Sophie and Mini looking out the window, both hoping and dreaming, supporting each other and shunning doubt. We forget, pets have been affected too!

Not being able to affect the future yourself, for an unforeseen time, invites dread that can be all consuming. But, Sophie, Alex and Mini shall fight through and inspire others to do the same!

The closeness, fun and the joy of music the two sibs share, really give the best kind of power to the clear path for which she is fighting.

This is such a very fresh way to dime out fears, literally, from inside of the Covid caused walls.

Honestly, this is done so well there was some real anxiety that seeped within that made my stomach hurt. Amazing! Overall, I find the song inspirational, thought provoking and entertaining!

Sophie and Alex are so happy that mixing engineer, Mark Needham mixed the song and is doing the next. Mark has mixed it up for some majors including Dolly Parton and Celine Dion! Sophie is delighted that he really likes this song!

The imagination and resulting creativity are to be applauded.

Just love it!