

## **Review: "Alone" by Little Sparrow (Katie Ware)**

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Katie Ware aka Little Sparrow knows how to paint a beautiful picture using music and this is wonderfully demonstrated in her song 'Alone' which was released during July 2021.

Leo Delibes, the French Romantic composer, used to beautiful affect the power of the solo and duet voice most famously in his opera Lakme with it's beautiful Flower Duet. Katie Ware opens 'Alone' in similar fashion, solo voice followed by duet. The music of Ennio Morricone also comes to mind, both composers well known for atmosphere in their music, in this song the atmosphere is being lost, alone and claustrophobia.

There is a clear folk influence here, perhaps Kate Bush as well, in vocal and accompaniment. Superb acoustic guitar, cello and percussion staccato in parts, sustained on others provide additional layers to this picture in music. The percussion in particular driving the three beats per bar time signature.

Videos sometimes detracts from a song, Little Sparrow's video for alone enhances. The feeling of being alone, being chased, little hope of escape all reminded me of scenes from the film 'Pan's Labyrinth'.

Wonderful song, wonderful vocal. I'll be listening and looking for more!