

Lost Traveller-Vanilla Base (from Ascension)

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Opening with tentative anticipation, soft keys rich in concert piano grandeur give an indication that 'Lost Traveller' is about to make a definitive statement. Classic and soulful, it rolls through its chord progression and simple melodies with both sweetness and authority, and one is almost caught off guard with the arrival of the captivating tones and narrative of the vocal track.

Delivered with an aura of self-questioning and discovery, supreme poise and control, it takes a commanding authority over the ear. One's expectations of a mournful, melancholic narrative are quickly dispelled though, as the song quickly expresses its powerful and uplifting message. Both piano and vocal perfectly provide a mood of contemplation, over which this positive message is delivered. Whilst there is adequate compositional structure for the song to be easily followed and memorable, it incorporates a refreshing free spirit with elements of jazz and R&B, which nicely compliment the thematic of the lyrics.

'Lost Traveller' will not leave you quickly, nor leave you in low mood, but with a willingness to look again, with renewed vitality and wonder, at all the insignificant things around you. The song beckons the listener into a state of non-judgement, discovery and magic hiding in places once looked upon with jaded indifference.

The message here is perhaps that we should live more in the present moment and is delivered with empathetic grace. As if having stated it's piece, 'Lost Traveller' softly departs with an air of accomplishment, both thematically and musically.