

Lost Traveller – Vanilla Base (from the album Ascension)

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Recent times have given us all plenty to think about, whether be the pandemic or social changes in certain parts of the world that are sorely need. Sometimes a beautiful song comes along that seems to take your cares away. Lost Traveller certainly is one of these songs.

The song starts with a very calm piano, floating along with some tasteful discordance played beautifully and sympathetically by Maria Ramos Fernandez. As the vocal enters slightly more jazz style enters the accompaniment, never overpowering.

On top of the piano accompaniment, a vocal line, smooth and sultry but with a powerful message, we might have been lost but there is hope.

As we move to the middle section the piano takes over with an uncomplicated melody with an on-beat chordal accompaniment, sustained wonderfully. Less is often better, a sign of a great pianist.

However, the final message is left to the stunning singing,

‘So Alive, I’m Alive’

How refreshing to hear just vocal and piano, a hint of jazz, a hint of almost Edith Piaf – a hint of Vanilla.