

Signs Of Life – Byron Smith 2021

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Some songs make you happy, some songs make you sad, some songs make you feel sorry for yourself, some songs pick you up, this song brings out all these feelings, tensions and optimism. We need the perfect singer to sing these emotions and fortunately we have the perfect singer in Byron Smith with his song 'Signs Of Life'.

Like Lloyd Cole, Byron has a fair amount of angst and hope in his descriptive country tinged perhaps whisky soaked vocals, the lyrics certainly convey these traits as in the chorus :

'I'm waiting for some signs of life'

Whoever Byron Smith is singing about, it's clear they haven't given up, no matter how long the wait there is the hope that something good will happen, the reuniting of the two main characters, our sad hero and his long-gone former partner.

In another comparison to Lloyd Cole is the brilliant sympathetic accompaniment. Nice strumming on the guitar, a bouncy dotted but un-obtrusive bass line, plaintive chords on the keyboards and a straightforward drum part that never overpowers. Class backing for a class song.

On top of this a beautiful guitar solo, very much like Neil Clark, of Lloyd Cole and the Commotions, with a nice melody, no need for flash, play the song on its merits.

The main character in the song might have to wait for anything to cause encouragement. Luckily, we don't have to wait, our story telling character is here. Byron Smith, gives us optimism that great music, musically and lyrically, is out there!!