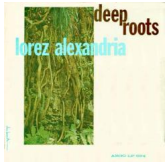


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01. *Nature Boy* 02. *I Was a Fool* 03. *No Moon at All* 04. *Spring Will Be A Little Late This Year* 05. *Softly As In the Morning Sunrise* 06. *Detour Ahead* 07. *It Could Happen To You* 08. *Travelin' Light* 09. *Almost Like Being In Love* 10. *I Want To Talk About You* Lorez Alexandria – vocals George Eskridge – guitar John Young – piano Israel Crosby – double bass Howard McGhee – trumpet Vernel Fournier – drums

Although i don't dig vocal jazz as much as other things, i really dig this one. 'Nature Boy' and 'Softly as in a Morning Sunrise' are just great and Lorez' versions are among the best versions of these songs i know, as well as 'Almost Like Being in Love' or 'Detour Ahead'. The other songs are by far bad. The musicians John Young (p), Israel Crosby (b) and Vernel Fournier (d) as well as from time to time George Eskridge (g) (the mono cover is wrong there but you can find it in the liner notes) do a work i really like behind Alexandria. The touch of Young is light and cool as well as the playing of the other musicians and somehow fit perfect to the warm singing of Lorez Alexandria. I totally dig her singing in the lower registers and when she moves from below to higher notes and back like she does on 'Detour Ahead'. Don't hesitate if you can find this record, it's beautiful. --- jeunjean, rateyourmusic.com

Wow this album was a pleasant surprise! I had no prior knowledge of Lorez Alexandria until now. I knew the tracks were mostly vocal standards and decided to purchase. Once home I was fully engaged I could tell that she had influenced modern artist with her style and presentation. Since I am a vocal jazz lover it was like she had mentored the likes of Jane Monheit and Eva Cassidy. "Detour Ahead" by Eva Cassidy probably got its roots from Lorez's rendering. Now that I have been formally introduced to I will be on the lookout for more albums by Mrs. Alexandria. --- innerurban.com

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