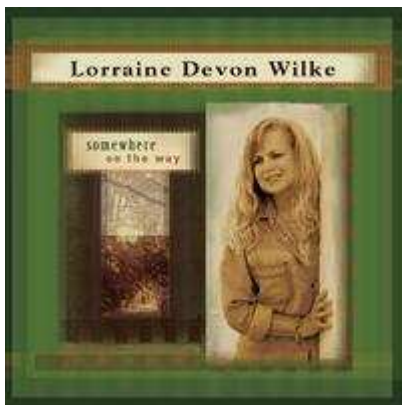


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Welcome to *Alternative Rock Review*, a UK based website offering opinions on the rock & metal scene, providing details on the latest album releases, interactive rock discussions, logging the coolest mp3 download sites, giving music entrepreneurs the chance to plug their music and last but not least, championing "undiscovered" rock talent. All in a days work.

Lorraine Devon Wilke - 'Somewhere On the Way' (Manitou Records)



Reject the idea that independent music must be some low-fidelity weirdness, played amateurishly, and peppered with high-I.Q. sarcasm. Lorraine Devon Wilke's *Somewhere On the Way* is none of those things. This is a straightforward, possibly autobiographical record that is haunted by the blues and drunk from the whiskey of country. According to the one-sheet Wilke was once in a New Wave band called Devon, a group that was apparently overlooked in the '80s Los Angeles music scene. Hopefully Wilke's solo career won't meet the same fate. Her '80s roots certainly don't show, as there's nothing synthetic or danceable here. This is a mature album but not in the negative sense of the word. Usually "mature" is used to describe records from aging rock stars that've been sapped of their creativity and raw emotions. That's not the case here. Take a sip from "Comfort Me" and taste the bitter pills in the water.

Visit <http://www.lorrainedevonwilke.com> for artist details.

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