



Georgia Randall - Help Wanted

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Singer Georgia Randall is from Virginia and started singing as a gospel singer in church. And that can still be heard on her new, third, album. Georgia has a super soulful voice with a big raw edge, comparable to singers like Bettye Lavette, Tina Turner and Melissa Etheridge.

On her album Georgia is accompanied by John Nilson (lead guitar), Michael Elliott (drums), Julie Klein (bass) and Albert Biele (keys).

The album opens with the wonderfully smooth funk of Help Wanted with a nice groovy guitar and clavinet. Georgia's soulful voice with a raw edge stands out above everything else.

Then follows the loom swinging shuffle Anticipation Blues with a great cutting guitar solo. Motherless Child is a traditional, recorded by artists such as Odetta, Bessie Griffin, Prince and Richie Havens. In Georgia's version, her gospel past is very recognizable for her very powerful vocals.

In Born To Die, Georgia's vocals are more like Melissa Etheridge's style in a sweltering propulsive shuffle with a swam-rock-like sweat.

The funk is used again in Drive-In Fantasy. This time with a lazy "mellow" groove, reminiscent of Al Green's sweaty funksoul of "Take Me To The River".

Do Right is a cheerful swinging, leaning against Americana, song that goes in the direction of John Cougar in style but also has a pretty high Tina Turner content.

The River Come Down intro is very similar to Tim Rose's "Morning Dew". The song has a tidy, sparkling sound. Big Oak Tree is a bit disappointing! The loosely swinging shuffle sounds a bit dull, except for Georgia's vocals! And those fake blazers had to be banned!

In Put It Down Georgia goes on the "Steamy Windows" tour (in the Tina Turner version) and she gets away with it very well because her voice is very similar to

Tina's.

The impressive, powerful ballad Is It Today, in a Melissa Etheridge style, closes the album.

Album number three by Georgia Randall is a very pleasant album by a very soulful singer!

Tracklist:

01. Help Wanted
02. Anticipation Blues
03. Motherless Child
04. Born To Die
05. Drive-In Fantasy
06. Do Right
07. River Come Down
08. Big Oak Tree
09. Put It Down
10. Is It Today