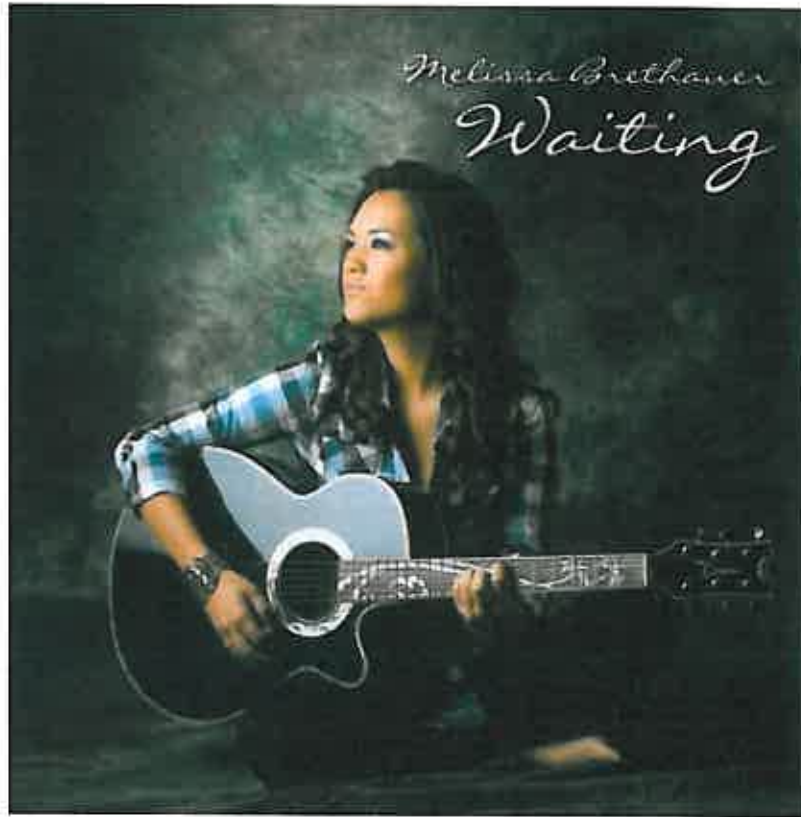


Melissa Brethauer - Waiting

by Chuck Dauphin



Florida native Melissa Brethauer definitely qualifies as a versatile talent. You can tell upon listening to her album that she has listened to a wide variety of genres, and it all comes across on her latest album.

There are some spots on the album, such as "Walk On By" and "What You Do To Me," where she conjures images and sounds of some of Mariah Carey's more soulful work. You can also put "Only As Friends" in that category, as well.

She definitely has some strong pop sensibilities, which come to the forefront on tracks like "After All This Time" and the hopeful title cut. Brethauer is also quite an accomplished songwriter, having penned the entire album. Her best overall showcases are the regret-filled "Cause I Gave You More," as well as "Real," which I think is the best overall marriage of song, lyrics, and melody. She clearly shows a lot of promise here, with the possibility for success in multiple formats. It wouldn't surprise me in the slightest to hear a song like "Why Is It" on Contemporary Christian radio, as well as Pop. Regardless of what genre she hits in, Melissa Brethauer is definitely a keeper!

For more about Melissa or to buy this CD, visit <http://www.melissabrethauer.com/>

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