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Cabaret Scenes

Live For Life (Bella Blue)

The tenderness and passion Opie Bellas imbues in the opening Since You Stayed Here sets the tone for Live For Life, a simply wondrous and imaginative collection of nine familiar songs that sound anything but in Bellas' alluring interpretations and an original work that sends one searching for the socks that have been knocked off - only after the tears have been wiped away.

Framed by Michael Moricz's lush and layered orchestrations, Bellas crafts an emotionally raw and deeply heartfelt listening experience as she subtly pays tribute to the memory of one who so touched her heart, her brother John, who Bellas remembers in her heartbreakingly gorgeous My Brother John. But more than that, Bellas creates a roadmap that marks moments of memory that are as universal in their familiarity as they are personal to Bellas.

Not While I'm Around takes on a sorrowful tone in Moricz's minor key arrangement, which casts it in an entirely new light, while the optimistic joy of a life lived is celebrated in the uplifting title track and sweet Rainbow Connection.

Live For Life is a work that reaches deep into your soul and ranks as one of the year's finest creations.

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