



Craig Brandau - Tenderly

Tenderly is the title song of this wonderful compilation of jazz melodies played on solo ukulele by Craig Brandau.

Here is the lineup of songs:

1. Tenderly
2. Black Orpheus
3. Here, There, and Everywhere
4. Moonlight In Vermont
5. Here's That Rainy Day
6. On the Street Where You Live
7. The Days of Wine and Roses
8. theme from "The 5th Monkey"
9. What A Wonderful World
10. What Are You Doing the Rest of Your Life?
11. Craig's Waltz
12. The Shadow of Your Smile

The CD opens with "Tenderly" in an arrangement by Craig's mentor, Howard Heitmeyer. It's a beautiful tune and I wish it were longer.

"Black Orpheus" is another wonderful melody arranged by both Craig and Mr. Heitmeyer.

"Here, There, and Everywhere" is a Lennon/McCartney tune. This is a wonderful rendition arranged by Craig.

"Moonlight In Vermont" is a classic tune. Simeon Pillich lends a hand playing acoustic bass on this number. The bass is very subtle and builds a solid foundation, great work.

"Here's That Rainy Day" is a dreamy melody. Ah, what to do on a rainy day. Do what Howard Heitmeyer did and craft a wonderful arrangement of a classic melody.

"On the Street Where You Live" is another classic number. I remember my father singing this song when I was a youngster back East. It's been covered probably an hundred times, and played countless thousands. Nicely done.

"The Days of Wine and Roses" is another timeless classic. Again, Simeon Pillich is featured on acoustic bass. Once more, Simeon lays down a very warm foundation upon which this beautiful tune rests. Mancini would be delighted with this interpretation of his work.

"The 5th Monkey" theme... This is a tune I didn't know. I did some research into this tune being the curious natured fellow that I am and I found a trailer of the movie, The 5th Monkey. Now, I want to see the movie. It stars Ben Kingsley. Now I have to see if Netflix has it listed. Nice tune. Nicely played.

"What A Wonderful World" This is one of the sweetest renditions of this song I have ever had the



pleasure of hearing. Credit goes to Mr. Heitmeyer once again for his arrangement.

"What Are You Doing the Rest of Your Life?" is a song with too long a title. It is a beautiful tune. The lyrics were written by Bergman and Bergman and the music was written by LeGrand. It was used in the movie, "The Happy Ending" and received an Academy Award nomination for "Best Original Song". The year was 1969, nice romantic tune.

"Craig's Waltz" is not a waltz in the classical sense. It is, however, a beautiful meandering melody and winds down nicely at the end. It's a great follow-up to the previous track and is very soothing.

"The Shadow of Your Smile" closes this CD beautifully and I can say that after listening to the whole collection of tunes, simply put, once is not enough.

This is a wonderful collection of romantic and relaxing compositions, beautifully arranged. A bonus track, Craig's Waltz played by Howard Heitmeyer, is a wonderful wrap-up of this marvelous collection of romantic tunes.