

Marina V - "Simple Magic" song notes – April 2005

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Notes by Marina

1. In My Head 3:52

Sometimes I think too much & feel a little crazy. "I take myself to scary places in my head and hope you find me". This is what this song is about.

We put some cool beats & sounds in this song, & Nick played distorted guitar on the choruses. Nick & I think "In My Head" would be perfect for a Spiderman movie. What do you think? ☺

2. Make This Minute Last 4:24

"Let's forget the past, let's forget about tomorrow, feel my soul now next to yours and make this minute last". Sometimes you wish a perfect moment would last forever.

3. Simple Magic 3:20

You're in love. You can't help it. You're attracted to this one person & there is nothing you can do. Some things or forces in this life you just cannot explain. Simple Magic is one of those forces. You just have to give in and stop questioning or fighting what's meant to be. My personal favorite part of this song is the bridge. I really like the harmony on the word "hypnotized." ☺

4. I'll Be Alright 3:42

You have to get off your ass & let go of your fears to make things happen. Nothing will come to you unless you do something about it. When I came up with the music for this song, I had the Ramones tribute album in my CD player. If you speed up the song and use guitars, you'll hear the influence, especially in the verses. It's safe to try at home! ☺

5. Underneath Your Sky 3:52

You can live a long long time without realizing who you really are until you meet that special person who brings out the best in you & makes you complete. I call this my ultimate love song!!!

6. Guardian Angel 4:08

Okay, this is probably the saddest song on the whole album. But hey, all of us feel this way sometimes. This song had to be out. When it's all out in the open, it helps you heal your soul. This is one of my healer songs. I love playing this song live.

7. Песня о тебе – Pesnya O Tebe 3:04

I really wanted to put a Russian song on this album for you but didn't want to put a "cover" song. Nick suggested to write my own song in Russian in the style of Russian folk love songs that I grew up listening to. So I wrote this one. We recorded this song live in one take. I played the guitar.

This song is a little sad. You want to let someone you love know that you always think about them and they're always with you. You can't quite say it to them, because it's a hard thing to communicate, but deep inside you hope they know you love them.

8. Ghost wandering this earth 4:50

There are days when you feel like you're simply existing rather than living. Nothing you're doing seems right. "One step forward, hundred steps behind." You're scared to face yourself. But you finally realize you HAVE to get out of that state and do the best you can & go for it. I wrote this one by myself and Nick helped me a little bit with the bridge lyrics.

9. When I come home 2:58

Just like all of the other songs, it's based on a personal experience. You're coming home but you've changed, time has gone by, and things at home changed. You're coming home but you really don't know if it's going to FEEL like home, and if you're going to find yourself a stranger in a familiar place.

10. If I Could Read Your Mind 3:32

Sometimes we just forget to communicate. Lots of tension and irritation. Right? I think we've all been there.

I wrote the music for it in a very Beatles-inspired style, and Nick & I arranged it in that sort of way. It's really fun to play live!!

11. Killing My Dream 3:47

Here is a new version of this song. We recorded it with Jack Douglas in a cool little studio in Hollywood. Dan Coe came up with a really great & very complex orchestral arrangement for this song. I hope you like the new version!