



A classically trained vocalist, singer Liz Madden offers up an eclectic mix of songs and sounds on her CD, "My Irish Home". Recognizable favorites such as "Danny Boy" and "Greensleeves" are included here, and they are beautiful interpretations. It's fairly rare to hear a version of these tunes that is especially surprising, but Madden's voice lends a special sound to the vocals that is both tender and powerful at once, reminding the listener of why these are "classic" songs.

There's a lullaby here as well as more energetic fare, making the CD well-rounded, with a nice ebb and flow. People who gravitate toward a feminine voice will find hers will definitely capture your attention. Truthfully, although the musical accompaniment here is more than adequate, Madden's voice is what takes center stage. She's no novice either—something you can hear immediately in her sound.

Thirteen songs grace this CD and each of them is a gem. When it's hard to choose a favorite track or two you know that the artist has done something pretty special. "My Irish Home" is a good pick for those looking to add a little femininity to their collection of Celtic music. A traditional style paired with talent is a recipe for songs that soothe and inspire. You'll find that here.

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