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Jonatha Brooke

Jonatha Brooke Live

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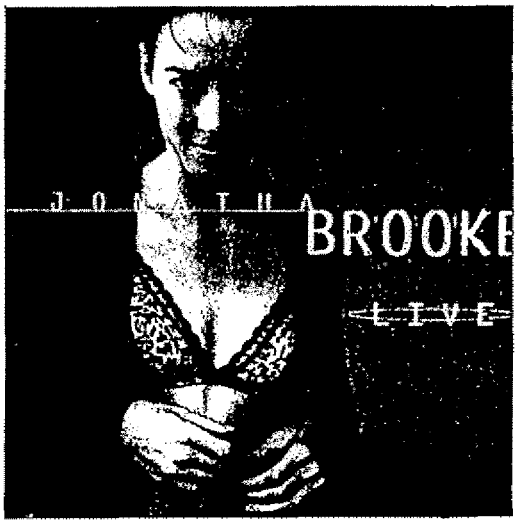
A talented singer-songwriter finds her way under the harsh stage lights

After being released from her previous record-label contract, thirty-four-year-old Boston-born singer-songwriter Jonatha Brooke has made this oddly beguiling album available at her Web site. Culled from '98 concerts



and recorded largely with a deferential trio, this collection throws a crisp, unforgiving light on Brooke. She withstands the bright focus, though: Writing about "the still point of desire," future lives, people with "perfect blond" cousins who toss hats into the air, Brooke is pure folk clarity cut with pure rock opacity. Her vocal pitch is spectacular, her melodies unwind and detail themselves at unhurried rhythmic paces, and turns like "Is This All" and "Always" evoke Virginia Woolf's personal odysseys and Audrey Hepburn's rich subtlety – associations that Brooke herself invites. The world hasn't heard the end of her. —JAMES HUNTER

(For more information, go to www.jonathabrooke.com)