## Mp3 Alisha Westerman - Mellow Mood



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Three sisters sing haunting, melodic soul folk originals with shades of early reggae and pre-war country. 12 MP3 Songs FOLK: Urban Folk, FOLK: Anti-Folk Details: The album Mellow Mood was recorded composed between 2004 and 2007, and recorded over a period of a couple of weeks the summer of 2007 in Silverlake, California. Alisha performed all vocal and guitar tracks live and simultaneously, one take at a time. The tightly interlocking backing harmonies sung by her sisters were also recorded live and simultaneously, onto one track. Bass, organ and percussion was then recorded by Davin Givhan (guitarist for Saul Williams), who also mixed the album. The exception is the track Be For, recorded and mixed in Long Beach in 2007 by Jim Schwartz of Innaway. Alisha started with piano lessons in 1985 and picked up the guitar in 1991, but it wasnt until 1998 that she would begin writing original songs. She began performing her originals to an audience in 2001. The guitar has become her sole method of composing. In 2004, she and two of her sisters, Nikki and Ninah Jackson, began performing as Mellow Mood. In 2005, she met the legendary late Shane Gooding, a singer/songwriter/guitarist who compelled her to take her compositions and guitar skills to a higher level. They performed together in venues in Long Beach and Orange County. Shanes quick and shocking passing from cancer in 2007 compelled her to give up her status as a California girl and seek out a creative future in New York. She has a B.A. in Literature from UC Santa Barbara, and has won several scholarships and fellowships for her poetry. She has sung on projects for Steve Aoki, 60 Watt Kid, 2Mex and Ikey Owens. She was born in 1979 on the Caribbean island of St. Croix, and is the sole child of her parents, who met on St. Croix in the 70's. Her father, Llewellyn Westerman, is a Calypsonian performer, sailing captain and father of five daughters. Her mother, Janet Rapaport, is a devout reader, craftsperson and mother of four daughters and one son. People who are interested in Cat Power should consider this download.

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