

# Mp3 Sarah Azzara - Love And Hate Among The Stars



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Independent smart pop from Washington DC. Seamless, emotive female vocals with multi-layered guitars and expressive drumwork showcase eloquent lyrics. 11 MP3 Songs POP: Beatles-pop, ROCK:

Psychedelic Details: PRESS: Check out this interview from WAMU 88.5 Metro Connection, [wamu.org/ram/2002/mc020608-5.ram](http://wamu.org/ram/2002/mc020608-5.ram) or download the mp3 version,

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Studios by Don Zientara, whose credits are too many to mention but include such local legends as Fugazi and Jawbox. It was mastered by Chad Clarke (Smart Went Crazy, the Beauty Pill) at his Silver Sonya Studio. "Love and Hate Among the Stars" represents a meeting of seasoned alternative music minds that resulted in a luscious, deep, and eclectic collection of well-written indie rock songs (plus a couple dreamy ballads).

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