

## Mp3 Ali Handal - Breathing Underwater



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A collection of eloquently semisweet songs tied with Ali's sensually breathy vocalize persistent melodies, and lush acoustical guitars. 11 MP3 Songs POP: Folky Pop, EASY LISTENING: Love Songs Breathing Underwater Songs Details: With her newest CD, "Breathing Underwater," Ali Handal continues to search themes of passion, sex, and the inner battle between fearless independence and the longing for companionship that defines both Ali Handal the person and Ali Handal the recording artist. This album is an acoustical-guitar driven collection of songs, sparsely arranged and produced by Ali and her co-producer Tim Bomba. Ali plays all of the guitars on the CD, and is accompanied by Wes Wehmiller on bass (of touring bands Duran Duran, Missing Persons, Lisa Loeb) David Leach on percussion (of Ben Harper's Innocent Criminals). Ali treats the familiar theme of love lost in her uniquely semisweet way, as well as writing several atypical love songs for various members of her family (although nothing close to her funky feline love song "Indy" from her first CD - there are no sampled cat meows on this whole record!). Ali's music has been featured both in films and many TV shows, including Sex in the City, Joan of Arcadia, Dawson's Creek, and several shows on MTV VH-1. Ali is an award-winning songwriter (John Lennon Songwriting Contest, Unisong), and her music has been heard from airplanes (Northwest/KLM In-Flight Entertainment) to pop concerts in South Africa (Ali's song "While You're Here" was covered by a South African TV star), to Los Angeles' acclaimed radio station KCRW (kcrw.com).

\*\*\*\*\* Ali's Debut CD "Dirty Little Secret": What inspires

\*funky\*sexy\*guitar\*girl\* Ali Handal to roll out of her Los Angeles area queen-size bed every morning?

Well, when it's not her cat Indy meowing loudly in her ear, it's the opportunity for her to spend another day expressing her passions through her guitar. Ali quit taking piano lessons to pick up the guitar when, in 7th grade, she got her first taste of Led Zeppelin. Blown away by Jimmy Page's explosive riffs and the band's

carnal grooves, Ali was determined to become involved in rock n roll in any and every way she could. Three guitar-playing boyfriends later, it struck Ali that perhaps it might be better to BE in a rock band rather than just date all the guitar players she knew (funny how her soloing wasn't improving), so she got serious about mastering the instrument herself. Fast forward a few years, and we find Ali exploring themes of passion, sex, and life as an independent young woman on her debut CD Dirty Little Secret. The songs range from aggressive funky rockers to tender ballads but are tied together throughout by Ali's passionate, dynamic vocals and insightful lyrics. Oh, yeah-and by her guitar playing-she played every guitar you hear on the CD. Her funky rhythm guitar style reveals influences such as John Frusciante (Red Hot Chili Peppers) and James Brown, while her soloing searches the blues-infused side of rock n roll, a la Slash, Jimmy Page and Joe Perry. Ali's vocal inspirations range from the fervent breathy wails of Ani DiFranco to the dark, honeyed brooding of Fiona Apple.

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