## **Mp3 Karen Ramirez - Distant Dreams Live**



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vibe that Karen and band experienced while on tour with the Lighthouse Family in 1999. It features the hit songs Looking For Love, Lies, Troubled Girl and If We Try. Thomas Langs excellent drumming brings new energy and excitement to the album, along with the amazing playing of Tony Remy on guitar, Jingles on bass, Michael Martin on Keyboards and Donald Gamble on percussion.

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