

Karla Bonoff

All My Life: The Best Of Karla Bonoff

Producers: Kenny Edwards, Mark Goldenberg, Josh Leo

and Bryndle

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Long before Alanis and Jewel, there was a breed of singer/songwriters whose earthy anthems of soul-searching, heartache, and joy touched souls in a way few can muster today. Karla Bonoff, who released four albums between 1977 and 1988, primarily pens moody, pained ballads that are simple and direct in style and yet as forceful and affecting as the emotions that love and love lost conjure. Of course, there's also that sweet, soft voice. Included on "All My Life" are songs made famous by Bonnie Raitt, Linda Ronstadt, and Wynonna, as well as Bonoff's sole top 40 hit, "Personally," which, ironically, she did not write. Enduring favorites include "The Water Is Wide," "Goodbye My Friend," and "Daddy's Little Girl," a song recorded in 1995 by her four-member ensemble Bryndle. This essential collection stands as a testament to the ideal that the good ones are indeed ageless.