

West Of Eden 'Look to the west' (West Of Music/Hemifran)

Look to the west is already the 9th album of the Gothenburg, Sweden based band West Of Eden. Their sound is very traditional Irish and British orientated, combining folk and celtic melodies all the time. The band consists of Lars Broman (Fiddle), Martin Holmlund (Bass), Ola Karlevo (Drums & Bodhran), Jenny Schaub (Vocals, Accordion), Martin Schaub (Vocals, Acoustic Guitar, Piano) and Henning Sernhede (Guitars, Mandolin). As you can see, West Of Eden has a male and a female singer, Jenny and Martin Schaub, whom are giving the material a diverse approach, because when Martin sings it is quite melancholic uptempo folkrock (Rainy Town), while Jenny's vocals make the songs go in a sorta beautiful almost 70s style singer songwriter calm folk/celtic direction (such as the lovely Going to Hull, Oh, I Miss My Home and The Crying Stairs). The List is one of the absolute highlights, because this is a classic celtic ballad in pure Irish tradition. Concluded, this this new album of West Of Eden sounds like an interesting mixture between Clannad, The Chieftains, Fairport Convention and Steeley Span. Do check them out at: www.westofeden.com

(Points: 8.2 out of 10)