

Ian Shaw
Somewhere Towards
Love

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Shaw is an unapologetic Joni Mitchell fan (his *Drawn To All Things* is a gorgeous set of Mitchell covers) and this new solo outing is his *Blue*. Like that classic, this is a set of personal songs, delivered in an intimate, smokily romantic style, best heard at 2am in the company of a favourite vodka.

Don't expect easy listening crooning: Shaw's never been one for the Sinatra style; instead he draws from writers like Nick Cave, Rickie Lee Jones and his own all too rare songs to explore love's many faces. Although shadows hover around some performances that's the least you'd expect from an artist who wants to stretch you as much as he stretches himself.

But Shaw started showbiz on the comedy circuit, and a smile is never far away, notably as he romps through *Just Having Fun*. So pour yourself a stiff one, kick off the shoes, and relish Ian Shaw's world: it's much like yours.

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