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Adam Lambert & Steve Cooke (MVDaudio, 3 stars)

This Dec. 6 two-CD release features American Idol runner-up Adam Lambert and Steve Cooke lending their voices to tunes from songwriter Dublyn Jones. Backed by an all-star band including guitarist Monte Pitman, bassist/keyboardist Marcus Brown and others, these two albums of mostly mid-tempo tunes in one package were recorded at the famous Paramount Recording studios.

Highlights of the similar-sounding songs on the Lambert disc include the folk-rocky "Want," the tempo-shifting "Under the Midday Sun," and the Beatle-esque "Castleman."

Steve Cooke disc highlights include the Pink Floyd-flavored "For Cello." The drawback to this well-sung and played pair of albums is the similarity between the songs, both in tempo and general "feel."

Fans of mid-tempo rock ballads and Lambert completists are the audience for this one.

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