



Elkie Brooks Live

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Elkie Brooks is a vocalist who is a success in Europe, but not big in The United States. In watching **Elkie Brooks Live**, a performance of her's from the German series **Music Laden**, all I could think of was Tina Turner trapped in her Late 1970s Las Vegas mode. Here is a woman with obvious vocal talent who can deliver good vocals, but the arrangements and material hold her back in what feels like late 1970s malaise. The 45 minutes of songs include:

- 1) *I'm Gonna Make You Love Me*
- 2) *Be Positive*
- 3) *Rich Man's Woman*
- 4) *Live, Laugh & Love*
- 5) *Mojo Hannah*
- 6) *Tore Down*
- 7) *Sophisticated Lady*
- 8) *Lilac Wine*
- 9) *Mercedes Benz*
- 10) *Saved*

Some of those are fine songs, but they never seem to attain the breakout they should considering her talent. The 1.33 x 1 image I a few generations down, as is the Dolby Digital 2.0 Mono, so that does not help. Even if this one got the DTS treatment **Music Laden** manages to get from Classic that would not help the content problems. That leaves **Elkie Brooks Live** an interesting miss. Extras include previews for other Quantum Leap DVDs, weblinks and bio/discography text on Brooks. Maybe some other material of her work will show up on DVD, and when it does, we'll be anxious to compare.

- Nicholas Sheffo

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