

NINA SIMONE

...And Piano!



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A confrontational genius

Ah, Nina Simone – a mighty woman. As an individual, a passionate believer in civil rights. A woman who once declared that, if she could have gotten hold of a gun, she'd have been down in the American south shooting and killing for the black cause. And as an artist? Unpredictable on stage, off stage she walked around with two body guards that some believed were there to protect the public. You might now get a sense of this album. Alone with her piano, it's an exploration of death and loneliness but also love and reincarnation covering songs by Randy Newman to Hoagy Carmichael. From The Desperate Ones to Who Am I, this is a soul-barer of an album that simmers with her inner power.