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Artist: The Complements
CD: Something Like Happiness

Home: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Style: Folk/Rock

Quote: "The Complements is the duo of Nurit Suzana and Kevin Zarnett, and this five-song EP finds these two fine vocalists complementing each other quite well."

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The Complements is the duo of Nurit Suzana and Kevin Zarnett, and this five-song EP finds these two fine vocalists complementing each other quite well. Zarnett is the primary songwriter, whereas Suzana is the pair's busiest singer. This CD, which was crisply produced by Gregg Lawless, is best described as folk-rock.

The Canadian pair calls its release *Something Like Happiness*, even though that particular emotion appears to be the furthest one from Suzana and Zarnett's minds. It opens with "Sweet Sorrow" and then follows that up a few tracks later with "Just Another Sad Song," thus charting a direction more along the lines of sorrow and sadness.

The sound of this recording hearkens back to John Mellencamp's Midwestern rock heyday and is filled with plenty of surging organ, jangling electric guitars and bright drumming. Although Suzana's voice is front and

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center the most of the time, Zarnett takes the reigns momentarily for "Just Another Sad Song." And while the lion's share of this music is rhythmic, "Valley Green" slows the pace down considerably with producer Lawless contributing dobro to it. The work closes with "Beautiful Mistake," which is about how some things that at first seem like mistakes can often times turn out to be the best decisions of our lives.

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The Compliments' music is perfectly suited for the AAA radio format as well as the VH1 crowd. Its sound is not harsh, like the music heard on today's modern rock stations, yet it's by no means as sleep-inducing as is typical current adult contemporary fare. The act doesn't rely too heavily on either of these two musical extremes, which is probably the highest complement it can be paid.

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