



## Reviews: Janis Elko ~ Demo EP

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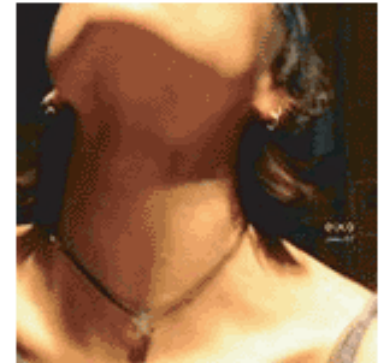
**Artist:** Janis Elko

**CD:** Demo EP

**Home:** Germany

**Style:** Singer/Songwriter/Beckoning Siren

**Quote:** "Once she's gotten into your spirit, she settles in with no intention of leaving."



By [Jennifer Layton](#)

This is the sound of pure seduction. Interestingly enough, the come-on isn't so much from the lyrics, which tend to be melancholy and occasionally self-deprecating. Janis Elko offers lovely string arrangements, languid and delicate acoustic guitar chords, and a voice. She has one of the most earthy, sensual voices I have ever heard.

Don't get me wrong; the lyrics still manage to do their part to beckon me in. In the opening track, "They Talk," it's all about reaching out. "I know how persuasive it is," Elko consoles, "I don't want to see you fall." But she's at her best when she turns inward, telling stories we can all recognize ourselves in. In "Not the Most Graceful," she leaves her umbrella on the train, and the brush on the drums sounds like softly and steadily falling rain.

*I wonder if you would think much if  
I got off at your station and just showed up  
Cause a lot of trouble for the both of us  
I am not the most graceful ...*

What quickens the pulse here is that she's laughing underneath. I hear the smile. Once she's gotten into your spirit, she settles in with no intention of leaving. Anyone who's experienced both a broken heart and a bumpy flight will dissolve right into the turbulent relationship described in "Auto-Pilot." She will connect. She knows your heart.

With this quietly dangerous and hypnotic demo, not to mention lovely minor chords to swoon for, Elko leaves no doubt that she has much more to share. We're just getting a glimpse here. Sometimes, just a glimpse is the most provocative effect of all.

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