





Underground Garden (VaiTunes #4) (3:54)

Written by Steve Vai © 2010 SyVy Music (ASCAP)

Produced, recorded, and engineered by Steve Vai

Tracked in 1995 at The Mothership, Hollywood, CA

Additional engineering by Neil Citron

MUSICIANS:

Steve: All instruments and vocals

Mastered by Steve Vai and Greg Wurth at Audio
Laundry Mastering Lab

GEAR:

Guitar used:
I can't remember the acoustic
I used but the electric was an
Ibanez white Jem that I
named "Flo" that was used
shortly after
receiving her.

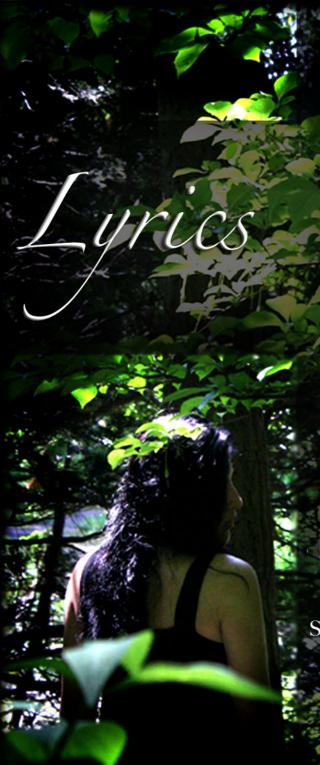
SONG JUICE

Every now and then I pick up an instrument and something sweet comes out. I love when that happens and am very grateful for it. I believe it happens at times for all of us in our perspective fields? I was lucky to have a little tape deck around to capture this riff when it first dropped off my fingers. I can't even remember when that was, perhaps in the 1980's? This little jewel was buried on the infinity shelf for a while and then one day, sometime in the 1990's, I came across it and thought, "Hmmm, I could just rip this song out in a day" and that's about how long it took to complete the writing, recording, and mixing of the whole thing. Then the finished product sat on the shelf for another decade or so only now to show its festooned little note heads through these VaiTunes releases.

When weighing my catalog of work, a relatively small percentage has vocals sung by me. As a result of this rarity, every vocal take I do is an opportunity to explore without any real pressure. Sometimes I push very hard and try to sound as though I've been gargling with Drano[®], but on this song I decided to get very close to the microphone and give a delicate and intimate vocal offering.

The song was written about a special person whom I love dearly and has been in my life, and has been an integral part of my life, since I was about 3 years old. The song is also about finding inner peace. Perhaps we all have a secret garden we yearn to dwell in.





She awoke in an underground garden
After falling in a wishing well
(wishing well)
And there she found a world of
sweetness
And wants to stay (wants to stay)

And wants to stay (wants to stay)
All the time

If she cries in her underground garden
Her tears fall so preciously (tenderly)
There she hides all of her secrets
Away from all (away from all)
The world to see

No pain, no ties, No hate, no lies, Only peace in her eyes Far away

She could pray in her underground garden
And everything she knows is true
(oh so true)
She talks with angels while walking on water
Or whatever she (whatever she)
cares to do

Up above the world is still frozen,
They never really understood.
But there in her underground garden
It's warm and safe
And life is good

Where there is no pain, no ties, No hate, and no lies, The very place where dreams survive Far away

A place where she longs to be
To live in her fantasies
To believe in what she believes
Far away - oh yes

I'd like to go to her underground garden
Down below that wishing well (wishing well)
But only a fool would try to find that place
It's forbidden to all but her to dwell

Where there is no pain, no ties, No hate, and no lies, Only love is what you'll find Far away - oh yes

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Steve uses:

Ibanez Guitars; Carvin Legacy Amps; Morley Bad Horsie Wah & Little Alligator Volume Pedals; Ernie Ball Strings; DiMarzio Evolution Pickups.

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