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# Steve Broderick delivers on classic-rock-styled debut

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**With his passionate vocals and emotional lyrics, Steve Broderick has accomplished much with his debut solo effort. Here, the touring member of Trans-Siberian Orchestra and former lead singer of the 1990's rock band Mama Kettle shows he's learned much since that band opened up for Bad Company and Lynyrd Skynyrd.**

Fittingly, the self-titled album begins with a Kettle track, "Love is Wasted on Me." Retaining much of the Black Crowes feeling of the original, this new version has some reworked lyrics, is a little slower, and loses a little of its edge - all of which make the song fit more appropriately with the rest of this record.

A diverse collection with a variety of influences, including the Crowes, John Mellencamp, and any number of classic-rockers, Broderick's vocals are nicely-showcased. His performance on each song fits well - whether an acoustic, heart-felt ballad like "A Love That Won't Die," the bluesy "Sweet Relief," or the funky "Lovelight," Broderick draws the listener in.

The southern-rock-derived "In the Sky" ends the album on an extremely high note, with the vocalist belting out a barrage of emotion that comes across very strongly.

With solid song-writing and excellent delivery, fans of classic-style rock should give Steve Broderick a closer look. An independent release, this CD is available on his Web site, [www.stevebroderick.com](http://www.stevebroderick.com).

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