

Kate Reid "Uncharted Territory"

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I'm walking into the unknown, into uncharted territory
And I know there are people out there who don't agree
with me

'Cause I sing about who I am
And it's a shame that that's so hard for them

But I've been puttin' in time, dreamin'
And I got something different in mind
I just hope that I'm not ahead of my time
You see, I wanna burst these floodgates open on this
solace river
And I'm a pretty good swimmer
But I've been swimming upstream for far too long,
yeah

And I'm not into politics, and the guys in office who
mouth off
'Cause as far as I'm concerned there ain't much else
happening there
And I must admit, I pretended to care so people would
think I was smart
When it's women and music and the earth and art that
moves me
And I'm political just by loving who I love
By being who I am, you see, it's an act of rebellion
So I guess that makes me one hell of a rebellious
political
Singer, song-writing, earth-loving woman-identified
woman

And I know people are either going to love me or hate
me
But that's the way it is in the biz, and in the world too
And I've heard guys at the top of the food chain
Talking about what I shouldn't sing about
And they're talking about what they think about me
And I've heard women say "She's great but that song's
kinda angry
And why does she have to keep on singing about her
sexuality?"
Well it's a little more interesting to me than what I'm
seeing on TV

And what I'm hearing on the top 40 radio, yeah

See I'm a woman who has survived a lifetime of
violence and lies
At the hands of my family and the patriarchy and it
nearly killed me
And silence was my only friend, until now
And now my guitar and my pen and my voice are my
companions
And where these songs come from sometimes or how,
I don't know
'Cause I'm singing words I wrote years ago
And they're just starting to make sense to me now

And there are parts of me that have to die
So that I can make room for becoming more alive
And I have wished that if I cried enough
My tears will subside and this fear in me will disappear
And I have looked in the mirror hoping to see someone
else
Hoping these lines on my face will have been erased
And I finally reached the place where I won't erase
myself
And I won't let anyone else, no, no

So I wanna see my name in lights and have people
lined up down the street
And I wanna fill every seat in the house
And I wanna be backed by an orchestra
With standing room only at the door, yeah

So who cares if I'm a lesbian, I didn't mean for it to
happen
I think I just caught it while standing in line at the bank
the other day
So let's make a deal here
You don't make like you're straight in front of me
And I won't rub it in your face that I'm queer

So in case you haven't got it yet, I got something to say
And it's my time to say it
And I'm not acquiescent, and I'm done with being
complacent
So consider yourself warned
Because I'm just warming up
And when people who live 3000 miles away tell me
That my music makes her day and my words make
their heart sing
Well I know in my soul I'm doing the right thing
Yeah, yeah, yeah

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