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Anemo are already capturing a growing

audience in the USA and they released their debut single in the UK back on 14th August. They're a three-piece from Brighton consisting of Kingsley Sage, classically trained pianist and keyboard player, Matt Palmer who provides rock and metal guitar riffs to order and Hazelle Woodhurst with her vocals that range from clear cut emotion to the verge of hysteria.

This isn't the sort of rock you'll be used to hearing on the radio for the most part. I think it's inevitable that they're going to draw comparisons to **Evanescence** because they're a relatively mainstream rock group with a female vocalist. I'm not sure who the comparison does the most injustice to. *Made of Fiction* starts out with a delicate piano intro and a synthesised sounding vocal before the keys and guitars kick in. It sounds quite modern, certainly electronic, and could even stretch to a club remix. Hazelle's voice is so clear in comparison to the music that the two parts of the song don't sound united. This is emphasised even more in *Fallout Renegade*, which is my favourite despite being the b-side. I don't know if a male singer would make a difference but the music and the vocal sound somewhat fractured and one sits very definitely on top of the other. Maybe the vocal is too clean. This track reminds me of a book I once read at school about the world after a nuclear accident. Edgy and dark with an underlying love story. I adore the chorus: "Bleed me you stand me down / you swore me and then sold me out / I don't know who I am any more / break me like human clay / mould me in a different way / I don't know who I see any more". The phrasing catches you every single time. The track also works pretty well as an acoustic mix, though they could have worked on the intro a bit more to make it fit the style. The main body of the song is almost better as an acoustic song.

Anemo are a bit rock, a bit goth, combining driving beats and crystal clear vocal. I suspect they're awesome live.

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Tracklist: *Made Of Fiction* / *Fallout Renegade* / *Fallout Renegade* (acoustic Mix)

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