

Anemo - Pray

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Melodic rock of the **Lacuna Coil** variety has an unfortunate tendency to teeter and fall directly into the gaping maw of melodrama. Soaring crescendos that rattle the glassware; proclamations of endless love and deep, unendurable pain – these are all crimes that have been committed in the name of a lighter brand of rock. In their newest single, *Pray*, Anemo have struck a fine balance and avoided many of the pitfalls of their genre.

That's not to say that *Pray* isn't a bit melodramatic, but it isn't as silly or embarrassing or ballad-like as it might have been. Vocalist Hazelle Woodhurst at times sounds reminiscent of Annie Lennox, which when mixed with a bit of soft rock makes a surprisingly pleasing combination. The music, while nothing particularly inventive, hits all the right notes and carries you along on a wave of crisp percussive verses and vigorous choruses.

Perhaps not the most fine and accomplished of compositions, *Pray* is nevertheless an entirely enjoyable piece of pop-rock that is fun but stops well short of the ridiculous.

“ hits all the right notes ”



File under: Soft Rock

Tracklist: *Pray* / *Pray* (Ropey Remix)