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I Don’t Mind | Lina Nikol & Baker Aaron

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Here we are inside “I Don’t Mind”.

Lina Nikol talks about feeling many things at once and still choosing very carefully the ones we are willing to say.

Not because the feeling is false.

Precisely because it is true.

And so it can hurt.

Experience leaves memory, and memory builds defences.

Baker Aaron frames all this with a warm neo-soul, with touches of guitar, strings and an almost heartbeat-like pulse.

It’s a **guarded openness**.

The voice has a silky texture; the beat pulses like a heart that would like to speed up but keeps cautiously holding itself back.

The door isn’t closed.

But it isn’t thrown open either.

It stays ajar.

And that is probably the most realistic emotional situation.

> ***“I Don’t Mind” tells an unglamorous and very human truth: sometimes saying less doesn’t mean feeling less. It means knowing perfectly well how much saying everything might cost.***

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I Don’t Mind — Lina Nikol & Baker Aaron — is in our playlist Soul Jazz & Velvet Grooves.

Lina Nikol & Baker Aaron. Updated every Friday. Selected by ear.

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