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Robert Finley doesn’t sing as an observer.

He goes right inside.

Vocals, Hammond, piano, guitars, bass, drums and horns build a full frame, but the centre remains that voice.

Rough.

Weathered.

Believable.

It sounds like sandpaper dipped in honey.

The lyrics tell of a relationship that has already been through too much and yet still holds enough power to keep the narrator under its spell.

And this is where the song hurts.

If love were dead, it would almost be easier.

Instead it stays.

It’s a **sweet bitterness**.

The groove has a dark, almost burnt taste. The horns come in with precision, strike and withdraw. The organ thickens the air.

Like staying in a room after the argument is over and still feeling the tension hanging on the walls.

> ***“Souled Out on You” tells of that terrible moment when love isn’t dead yet, but has already started issuing invoices that neither of you knows how to pay anymore.***

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Souled Out on You — Robert Finley — is in our playlist Acoustic Blues, Roots & Dust.

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