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Temple | Ryan Ofei & Madison Ryann Ward

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In “Temple”, Ryan Ofei and Madison Ryann Ward build prayer through images that are ancient yet still physical: the potter, the clay, the water, the fire and purification.

It’s a vocabulary based on transformation.

Not on conquest.

Here lies the song's **yielding strength**: the choice to willingly give up part of one's control in order to open up to something greater.

The two voices carry warmth and weight, but they don't fight for the centre. They rise like separate lines that slowly end up sharing the same ceiling.

The rhythm supports without pushing. The beat stays discreet, almost bodily.

Faith becomes close.

Physical.

Even tactile.

> ***"Temple" takes gospel in the opposite direction from escaping the body: being a temple means going back inside it and transforming it at the same time into matter, home, openness and voice.***

LISTEN

Temple — Ryan Ofei & Madison Ryann Ward — is in our playlist Gospel After Dark.

Ryan Ofei & Madison Ryann Ward. Updated every Friday. Selected by ear.

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