



To Whom It May Concern,

You now have a copy of *The Spark*, the brand new record by singer-songwriter and ukulele player Josephine Johnson. Recorded over Christmas of 2017 by famed producer John Vanderslice and arranger/keys player Rob Shelton at Tiny Telephone studio in San Francisco, this record is a soul-bursting country classic full of the best delights of American music.

If you are skeptical, take the 8-tracks for a spin and hear for yourself. From the opening track *Reclaiming My Time*'s funky lap-steel country balladry to the soul-drenched title song *The Spark*, this record travels the lost rural blacktop soundtrack of a heart-worn lifespan. Dulcet Motown horns meet tremolo daydream rhythm guitars and ghostly slide notes in an album haunted by its beautiful songs. From the native rural Indiana of Josephine's youth to her adopted California and Georgia homelands, Miss Johnson travels through life as she travels through her music.

By the time the penultimate track *Long Way Home* plays out its last sweet iteration of the word "me," you know that this music belongs to you the listener. Yours, me and mine. Ours. And when the album closes with *Light It Up*, you are now indelibly a part of the fire which powers this album itself. A spark amongst a constellation of bright lights and beautiful sounds.