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01. Live to Love 02. Malala 03. We Do Need Love 04. Palladium 05. All Is Quiet 06. Simple As 07. Sweet Devotion 08. It's Tomorrow's World 09. I Took Your Hand 10. A Certain Kind of Eden 11. Someday We'll All Be Free 12. Be Kind 13. Something's Gotta Give 14. It's Tomorrow's World (Reprise)

Following the success of 2011's *It Happens Quietly*, which received widespread critical acclaim and topped jazz charts around the world, the award-winning vocalist Jacqui Dankworth releases her new album *Live To Love*.

Whilst *It Happens Quietly* tipped its hat to the past with interpretations of classic standards, *Live To Love* offers a change of direction and features a selection of jazz, soul and blues-infused original compositions alongside contemporary covers of songs by Wayne Shorter, Johnny Mercer and Donny Hathaway.

Although known primarily as a jazz singer, Dankworth was described by *The Sunday Times* as "one of our finest singers, regardless of category" and has collaborated with a diverse array of musicians and groups throughout her career including Marvin Hamlisch, Paloma Faith, Alan and Marilyn Bergman and Chick Corea. In addition to four cover songs, *Live To Love* contains some powerful original material in the form of *All Is Quiet*, a stark, haunting ballad about human slavery written by Dankworth and bassist Geoff Gascoyne and featuring a guest appearance by The Brodsky Quartet; the album's title track, a laidback, gently affecting song written by Dankworth's husband, pianist Charlie Wood; and a reggae-inflected version of *Tomorrow's World*, a tune written by Dankworth's late father to which she has added a "quantum mechanics" lyric.

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A deeply personal album, Live To Love draws on Jacqui's thoughts on life and love and charts her continuing growth as a sophisticated singer of a wide spectrum of genres.

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