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## 10 Terrific Discs

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### **Lisa Howard - *Songs of Innocence & Experience: The Songs of William Finn* (Ghostlight Records)**

There's some familiar material on this terrific compilation of William Finn's songs, including a couple of numbers from *Falsettos*, and the ubiquitous "Sailing" from *A New Brain*, but the bulk of the 11-track disc is filled with unfamiliar, unrecorded numbers. Howard shines throughout, traversing Finn's sometimes quirky musical lines with ease, even as she mines the tunes' emotional (and comic) cores. Among the highlights are the disc's opener "Listen to the Beat" (one of four numbers from the unproduced *The Royal Family of Broadway*) and the honky-tonk "Hold My Baby Back" (from *Romance in Hard Times*).