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BOSTON'S BEST UNSIGNED BANDS

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Jennifer Tefft Band

Boston has a fine tradition of women singer-songwriters and Jennifer Tefft is another smart talent who has a way with melody and insightful, introspective lyrics. There are dark undercurrents to her body of work, which includes her most recent release, "B-Sides to Nothing."

The best thing about Tefft and her band, which includes guitarist John Parrillo, drummer Jim Hollister and bassist Jason Dwaard, is that they're very hard to define. They don't fit any musical genre because their music is not prefabricated or generic. Tefft — who, like many Boston musicians, cut her teeth playing underground in T stations — has a lovely, rich voice. **But when needed, she can supply some backbone.** The group can rock with undeniable intensity, they can take flight on musical excursions that are unpredictable, and they can get atmospheric and hazy on you. This, folks, is what we need more of, and Tefft, who is originally from Medfield, provides these things and plenty more. -Ken Capobianco

