

**INDIE SCENE****AMY RAY*****Lung of Love***

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A few songs after “From Haiti,” whose stabbing guitars evoke “London Calling,” Amy Ray makes an even more direct reference to that classic’s creators in the Clash. “There’s a little Joe Strummer in my DNA,” she sings on “Little Revolution,” an organ-driven pop nugget about embracing—and therefore overcoming—pain and suffering. Indeed, the longtime Indigo Girl shares much in common with Strummer—most notably his no-rules musical philosophy. *Lung of Love*, Ray’s sixth solo album, has highway blues, poppy punk and even an Appalachian gospel jamboree. Ray also has her hero’s moral code: On the title track she mentions her “compass of the heart,” an instrument every bit as important as her guitar.

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