



### **"Shadow Reef"**

Pipeline Band  
Ke Nui Road Productions

The Pipeland Band returns in impressive style with "Shadow Reef." They open with a song that evokes memories of Big Mountain and shrewdly maintain that vibe through much of the album. Sounding like the perennially popular West Coast reggae band certainly can't hurt a local act's chances of getting radio play in Hawaii!

The group, however, has more going for it than that. Mainstream rock and acoustic pop elements gradually become evident in some of the later songs. The title song, "Miss You" and "Soon I'll Be Seeing You" all feature vocalist Michelle C and show that the group has broader musical horizons, as well as an extensive repertoire of original songs. Her voice adds a distinctive edge elsewhere, as well.

The band's version of "Mr. Reggae," Billy Kauri's pre-Jawaiian hit of 1978, offers no new ideas, but will be popular with their fans familiar to their club gigs.