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Sao Paulo doesn't have the flamboyant image of Rio de Janeiro, or its deep originary links with samba and bossa nova. But life in "Sampa" is no less fertile as a source and subject of Brazilian songs, especially if you listen to Luisa Maita. This young singer's debut album is full of aural snapshots of intensely local scenes and situations, as seen from the back of a motorbike or the edge of a favela. Maita's tunes are airy and infectious, and her fiercely efficient arrangements get the most from her capoeira rhythms and muscular chord changes. A video for her samba-fuelled title track is streaming at myspace.com/luisamaita.

