

## Mp3 2bit Trio - Ode To Stupid



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This Seattle-based trio is not your daddy's jazz band. Melodic sketches with fierce improvisation= a lifechanging experience. 5 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Weird Jazz, JAZZ: Free Jazz Details: In the last two weeks, I've seen the following array of Seattle players join the jam session: Travis Ranney, Victor Noriega, Steve Tressler, Dawn Clement, Lamar Lofton, Geoff Cooke, and a whole host of folks I've never met or heard before. One such person that I "discovered" last week was an old friend from high school that I hadn't heard play in ten years. He walked in with his alto, plus the drummer and bass player he's been working with the most, and proceeded to turn many heads when they took to the bandstand as a group. The trio is called 2-Bit Trio, and my old friend Seth Alexander, for lack of a better term, blew me away! Seattle has always had a kind-of bipolar jazz scene -- inside, beboppers and outside, avantgard-ists -- and yet, when I go to The Owl and Thistle, it's just one melting pot of music. The 2-Bit Trio played what I can only assume was one of their own compositions after accompanying a singer on an old standard, and the transition from one tune to the next was totally natural despite the stylistic differences. While seemingly influenced Ornette and Dolphy, Seth has checked out so much music from many styles, and the supreme concept of melody -- regardless of stylistic influence -- really comes out in his playing. Complimented by Ethan Cudaback on drums and Birch Pereira on bass, this trio is sure to get your attention after your first listen. I've only heard them play one tune live, but I've listened to their mp3 tracks on their website, and you can, too, at: [2bittrio.com](http://2bittrio.com). You won't be disappointed. So that's that for The Owl and Thistle. If you've never been down, next week is always a good time to start: cheap drinks, great people, and killing music never hurt anyone... Dave Marriott [redraspusmusic.blogspot.com](http://redraspusmusic.blogspot.com)

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