

# Mp3 If Wen - Take A Look At The Sea



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just go back to the bubbledumb. If it does tug a string, then you should know that this is also an album with tracks in a quite specific order a lot like a "concept" vinyl LP - if the tracks play out in this way they tell a story of premonition, realisation, and ultimate redemption. There's also exclusively a bonus track or two on the CD (sorry itunes and downloads}. Anyway we absolutely love this wonderful new Brit-folk album, and we hope you do too. Yours Folkwit Records, UK. And here's the full review by David Kidman, from the album reviews site netrhythms.com: "On first acquaintance, it's easy to proclaim that fans of simple, likeable pastoral-folk whimsy of the Donovan kind will find much to enjoy in Take A Look At The Sea, the basic raw track for which was apparently recorded by singer-songwriter if wen sitting on the floor of a barn near the beach in West Cornall which provided the inspiration for this song-sequence. Add a dose of pro-mastering from Tim Dennen (who'd worked similar magic on basic tracks for Belle Sebastian), and you'd never realise the recording's humble and primitive origins. Musically, if wen's songs inhabit the poppier side of acoustic folk: despite their subject matter (roughly speaking, the narrative of a break-up and its aftermath, set against a change in the weather, it would seem), the mood is mostly quite light-textured and wistfully romantic yet with some tougher electric moments (Give It All Away) and some sophisticated production touches, resulting in a quite sumptuous overall soundscape at times. I started off finding the writing and singing a bit underwhelming, but by around halfway through I was warming fast to if wen's delivery and his appealing (though again fairly understated) gift for melody. By the time the CD was drawing to a close (and yes, I did notice the hidden bonus track), I was all ready to hit the replay button and start the sequence over again, and the whole album certainly grew on me much over subsequent plays. Take A Look At The Sea is a quite charming and fulfilling debut release from this wilfully enigmatic (and deliberately elusive) English folkie with a battered guitar (as he's described on the website). Then again, careful scrutiny of the back digipack cover reveals the following credit: if wen is gfurby, which may be our only clue..."

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