

Mp3 The King Canutes - Last Callers And Losers



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Against and within the ambiguities, contradictions and dichotomies of modern life these cosmopolitan songs are witty, urbane and infused with an elegant melodic instinct befitting their twin bases of Brooklyn and Paris. 6 MP3 Songs in this album (29:51) ! Related styles: FOLK: Alternative Folk, ROCK: Adult Alternative Pop/Rock People who are interested in The Smiths Belle and Sebastian Lloyd Cole should consider this download. Details: The King Canutes are a Brooklyn/Paris combo comprised of Keir Woods and Richard Alwyn and a revolving cast of courtiers. Having met in New York as transplants from Manchester, UK (Woods) and Kansas City, MO (Alwyn), their rich, melodious compositions display native influences such as The Smiths and The Replacements and draw inspiration from wider sources including Lloyd Cole, Lou Reed, David Bowie, and the American Music Club. Their debut release, 'Last Callers and Losers,' has survived theft and relocation to reach its November 2008 release date. An near completed version was stolen in the fall of 2006, mere days before Woods moved to Paris. Undeterred, the pair embarked on an international collaboration. Recorded by Jim Bentley at The Fort-Brooklyn the record features contributions from Dana Kletter (Dish, Dear Enemy), renowned jazz trumpeter Jim Rotondi and Margaret White (who has played violin for Belle Sebastian and Yo La Tengo) as well as artwork by American contemporary art star Peregrine Honig. The band takes its name from King Canute, ancient king of England, legendary for failing to halt the onrushing tide. Two apocryphal stories exist for his motivations: One claims his arrogance propelled him to have his throne set up in the surf, where the unyielding waves famously swept him away. Others suggest his true motivation lay in proving to a sycophantic court the limit of a king's power. Alwyn and Woods trade in such dichotomies and ambiguities within their songs, where characters struggle with the ramifications of their decisions.

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