

## Mp3 Modern Giant - Satellite Nights



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Modern Giant are a four-piece Australian band whose unique combination of shining guitar pop and evocative spoken word storytelling has been winning over audiences since their formation two years ago. 11 MP3 Songs POP: Power Pop, SPOKEN WORD: With Music Details: Modern Giant are a four-piece Australian band whose unique combination of shining guitar pop and evocative spoken word storytelling has been winning over audiences since their formation two years ago. Drawing inspiration from the long tradition of Sydney guitar pop bands, Modern Giant do a fine line in loud guitars, but with an ear firmly cocked towards crisp pop melody and a strong element of spoken word. In 2004, after a succession of gigs, increasingly showcasing the band's intriguing live visual show, Modern Giant released their debut EP, 'A Different Ring In Your Ears', produced by ex-Hummingbirds front-man Simon Holmes. This EP received critical acclaim and the band's subsequent first two radio singles both gained healthy airplay. And so to the thrilling debut album 'Satellite Nights' ... this was also produced by Holmes - and it's a record that finds the band truly hitting its stride, brimming as it is with a lovely collection of new songs about love, loss, long nights and even longer drives. Modern Giant are a band that stand out in the local music scene for the way they incorporate the raw Australian spoken word poetry of Adam Gibson into their garage guitar pop.. Gibson, a writer whose first novel manuscript was shortlisted for the Australian/Vogel Award and who has performed his spoken word shows widely around the country, speaks of life in Australia from a powerfully honest perspective. More Paul Kelly than P,Diddy, with Gibson's words, Modern Giant spin stories of the city, of long Pacific Highway drives, of loves lost in the Chippendale night... While the UK laddisms of The Streets and many US hip-hop acts have proved a hit in Australia, Modern Giant's uniquely local perspective makes for an interesting change. "For a long time I've felt that many of 'our' stories haven't really been told in music," Gibson says. "We revere all these

stories and images from overseas but I've felt that a specifically local perspective and local ideas haven't really, in a lot of ways, been given their due." "I think of how, say, the Triffids sung about truly Australian subjects, and of how Paul Kelly is identifiably Australian, and I wanted to try to do that with some of our songs. I wanted to try to tell stories of things we know about here, not some story about New York or London or wherever. "I've never been to New York but I have been to Port Macquarie, so I wrote a song about Port Macquarie ... I wanted that local sense to come out in the songs." Modern Giant's debut album, 'Satellite Nights', showcases the intersection between Gibson's vision and pop songs that have a lovely fuzzy glow to them (and to which you can sing along for hours.)

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