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London gothic country trio skim through rock history



The second album by this London trio might be an example of what Douglas Coupland described as “decade blending”, stylistically flitting through rock history from one song to the next. The title track is a piece of grungy slacker rock that immediately gives way to the pretty glockenspiel-assisted Laurel Canyon folk-rock of “Finding Snowdrop” and the thoroughly English folk-waltz “Boat Song”; there’s also the Springsteen-influenced “Land Ahoy!” and the Daniel Johnston-ish outsider folk of “Big Boy Now”. Singer Tom Charleston is also a decent storyteller – “Darling I Wanted To Know” is a darkly amusing boy/girl conversation ballad in the style of “Something Stupid”. **JOHN LEWIS**