



Virgin of the Birds:

Mixed Choir

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TRACK LISTING

- 1. City Falcons**
- 2. Sisters at the Sound of Dawn**
- 3. Hey Kirsten**
- 4. Prepare to Sound**
- 5. You Haven't Talked to Tara**
- 6. Love Song for the Silver Age Having Past**
- 7. Now Whitening Rays**

SELECTED PRESS

"Virgin of the Birds creates beautiful hazy lo-fi music for sad lovers. Let Virgin of the Birds be the soundtrack for your cold winter months. Great stuff. Go get your sad on!"

Your Standard Life

"Most of the songs are built on a dark folk rock/pop blueprint, with the usual vocal/acoustic framework augmented by unobtrusive bass or restrained harmonica."

The Speed of Silence

As a collection of pop songs, **Mixed Choir** treads a line between intimate, lo fi folk and the occasional grandeur of early art rock. These are songs about girls, heresy, defiance and bright, searching guitars among other things. Fretless bass, a certain pariah in hipper circles, has been stubbornly employed in the service of the collection's only unencumbered love song, "Hey Kirsten". Indie pop is an excitable mistress, best quelled with a cocktail of hazy major-key melodies, unruly e-bow, and **Vintage Violence**-era arcane balladry.

Virgin of the Birds is Jon Rooney, who enlisted the help of **Lovely Sparrows'** founder/auteur Shawn Jones for the making of **Mixed Choir**. Serving as producer, co-engineer and vague patron, Jones brought on some Sparrows as well as crafty local drummer Jeb Fowler to help out here and there.

Virgin of the Birds was created as an outlet for Rooney's songs outside of **Morning Spy**, an indie pop/rock band he formed in San Francisco that has enjoyed considerable inconspicuous acclaim since their debut release first surfaced in early 2004. Since moving to Austin, TX in 2005, Rooney has grown his fledgling **Abandoned Love Records** label (releasing albums by the likes of **the Capstan Shafts**, **Grumpy Bear** and the Lovely Sparrows) and lined up the songs that make up **Mixed Choir**. Live Virgin of the Birds' performances have been a tad rare but are getting less so. A tour of some sorts is not completely out of the question.

R.i.Y.L: John Cale, Sunset Rubdown, Pavement, Destroyer, Silkworm, Lou Reed, Minmae, Migala

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DISCOGRAPHY:

- * "Recommendation" – **Ball of Wax Quarterly Vol. 8**
- * "There is a Wide Road" – **Ball of Wax Quarterly Vol. 5**

With Morning Spy

- * **The Silver Age**, Abandoned Love Records/KEEP Recordings: ALR01/KR15 (2005)
- * **Two Horses**, KEEP Recordings: KR07 (2004)
- * **Subsequent Light**, Self-Released: (2004)



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