

# LOST WISDOM

by Mount Eerie with Julie Doiron & Fred Squire



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*10 songs:*

Lost Wisdom

Voice In Headphones

You Swan, Go on

Who?

Flaming Home

What?

If We Knew...

With My Hands Out

O My Heart

Grave Robbers

The music of Mount Eerie has taken many forms (see: The Microphones) but it is always made by Phil Elverum. *Lost Wisdom* is an album that finds Elverum in a more collaborative mode than usual, working with two legends of music and kindred spirits, Julie Doiron and Fred Squire. Elverum and Doiron share vocal duties almost equally on the record, making it an album comprised of dark pop duets.

This time the songs were recorded quickly and quietly during a surprise visit by Julie Doiron, keeper of the world's greatest and saddest voice, and Fred Squire, hidden guitarist of the floating riff, in a small wooden room in Anacortes, Washington before they returned home to eastern Canada.

10 songs with the expression of the face of a baby in a burning world, in the swirling dust. More overtly personal and emotional than usual (which is saying something), these songs hang on a theme of impermanence and destroying forces. Sample lyrics: "Every single shape I see for the pile of dust it is. Let's get out of the romance." and "Newborn babies come to life on my face, and they say 'ta daa!'" The river is revealed to be going right through the house, the river of inevitable chaos, sorrow and love.

It's worth noting that this is a dream-come-true collaboration for Elverum. Julie Doiron has been his favorite singer since his teenage brain was exploded by the music of her legendary band Eric's Trip in the early nineties. They are basically the reason he is playing music at all. Now the full circle feedback loop quietly feeds back in these 10 beautiful songs.

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