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THE CRUXSHADOWS, “Quicksilver” (Wishfire Records)

☆☆☆½ — So where does a band that sounds like they came straight from England during the synth-heavy dance-rock heyday of the mid-1980s actually hail from? In the case of the Cruxshadows, it’s Tallahassee, Fla., of

course. Despite a dozen releases to their credit in as many years, the quintet isn’t a household name — but it’s got precious little to do with their abilities.

The “Quicksilver” EP is an instant dance classic, with catchy guitar riffs, plenty of synthesizer and some violins thrown in for good measure. It’s a fantastic tune — and it needs to be with three versions (original, radio edit and ill-advised dancefloor transformation) included on the disc. As an added bonus, the Cruxshadows serve up a pair of additional tracks — the very good “Avalanche” and the so-so “Roland” to round out the 30-minute set. (JS)