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The House of Love: 'She Paints Words In Red' - Album review

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Ahead of the curve, [The House of Love actually kissed and made up](#) before it became all the rage. Frontman/songwriter Guy Chadwick and guitarist Terry Bickers put aside their differences and eked out comeback record *Days Run Away* way back in 2005. Any quibbles they may have had since then haven't been terminal, and we now get follow-up *She Paints Words In Red*.

It would be lying to suggest that the world, or even old-skool House of Lovers, have been clamouring for a new record from Chadwick & Bickers, but any that do pick up this Cherry Red Records release are in for a genuine treat.

Its 11 new tracks (and reworking of 22-year-old B-side '**Purple Killer Rose**') are sprinkled with just about enough of the floaty spacedust of the band's first two albums. While there isn't anything quite up there with the melodic brilliance of 'Shine On', the gobby emotional simplicity of 'I Don't Know Why I Love You' or strung out throwback nostalgia of 'Beatles and Stones', there's plenty that wouldn't sound too out of place next to them on the band's upcoming tour.

From bouncing opener '**A Baby Got Back On Its Feet**' to arm-waving stadium indie finalé '**Eye Dream**', Chadwick's same-as-it-ever-was lower register and Bickers's twiddling guitar lines intertwine in a surprisingly slick, fresh and alluring fashion/

In between there's a few meandering moments, but also definite highlights with the bouncy Scousepop of '**Hemingway**', aforementioned rockout update '**PKR**', country-Americana stomp of '**Low Black Clouds**' and 60s-by-way-of-the-90s jangle of '**Money Man**'.

Despite a hardcore following, The House of Love didn't quite set the charts on the first time around, and they're certainly not going to it in 2013. But as long as they're making music as gently persuasive as this, we're hoping that Chadwick and Bickers stick together for the foreseeable future.



Tracks to download: 'Baby Got Back On Its Feet', 'PKR', 'Low Black Clouds'
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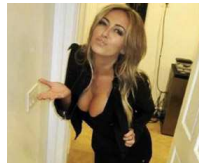
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