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Steve Kilbey - The Slow Crack

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Steve Kilbey's most accessible solo album, a beautiful, lilting, song-driven wonder. For the first time with original running order.

- This in demand CD, now re-mastered and re-released.
- 15 tracks the original vinyl running order plus Transaction EP and This Asphalt Eden tracks.
- Includes never released on CD track -Never Come Back.
- All music digitally re-mastered from original source material.
- Extensive Steve Kilbey written liner notes and unseen photos from the era.

The original 'Slow Crack' album featured just eight tracks and an alternatively EO'd mix of it also appeared in an extremely limited edition as 'Fire Down Below'. The four tracks from the 'Transaction' EP were added to later issues and blended in perfectly. This new release restores the running order of the initial eight tracks, then adds the four track EP and then goes further by adding the rarer three 'Asphalt Eden' EP tracks, one of which 'Never Come Back' was not available on CD until now. Doing that really tidies up this part of the back catalogue and with a re-issued 'Remindlessness' also restored to its full length in recent times it makes collecting the Steve Kilbey solo releases a more complete and convenient process.

The album itself features direct catchy pop, from singles 'Fireman' and 'Transaction' to the glorious up-tempo 'Something That Means Something' to piano based 'Surrealist Woman Blues' and instantaneous 'Favourite Pack Of Lies','Like A Ghost' and 'Woman With A Reason'. There are still quirky moments that are less direct and more experimental but overall it's the most instantly accessible Steve Kilbey album with several rewarding highlights.

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- 1 Fireman (4:43)
- 2 Woman with Reason (4.02)
- 3 Favourite Pack of Lies (4.05)
- 4 Something That Means Something (4.17)
- 5 Ariel Sings (1.36)
- 6 A Minute Without You (3.53)
- 7 Surrealist Woman Blues (5.17)
- 8 Starling St. (1.56)

BONUS TRACKS

- 9 Transaction (4.23)
- 10 Consider Yourself Conquered (4.41)
- 11 Like a Ghost (4.42)
- 12 Song of Solomon (2.33)
- 13 This Asphalt Eden (3.57)
- 14 Never Come Back (2.55) #
- 15 Shell (3.49)

Total Running Time: 57.05 mins. # Never before released on cd

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