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EP Review: The Single Drops by Luca Bash

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Luca Bash's new EP, the Single Drops, proves that all you need to create good music is an idea and an instrument. Much of the Single Drops relies on the simplicity of a man and his guitar, a small platform that can be made vast by the right notes.

Bash and his collaborator Giova Pes have used the supposedly limiting two guitar arrangement to create music that feels deeply intimate, to something that approaches grandeur on repeated listens. Take the records opening track, Your Tomorrow: at first listen it feels almost too melodic, a song that's so floaty you expect it to float right out of your head. Instead the intricate guitar work and Bash unique vocals tether the song, letting it come in unexpected directions yet always able to pull back when needed.

Forever like Asleep takes a different route, beginning with a more upbeat acoustic riff that's both the melody and somehow the percussion, keeping the song moving. You can almost picture Bash throwing his verses into the mix, using the energy to compel himself to spill his guts: "just leave me, please just leave me my last wish".

The highlight of the record is Dear John, a haunting ballad and the perfect distillation of Bash and Pes sound. They concern themselves with the big themes, love and death, using their humble sound to call out the highest authority, and that's never more apparent than in Dear John.

The deceptively titled Little Tale is anything but, here Bash shares his opinion that it is better, spiritually speaking, to keep trying instead of giving up. The EP ends on a musically upbeat note with Black Swans Walls, in which Bash utilizes a more traditional acoustic rock sound as he takes us on a journey of woe and the rebirth that these songs represent.

The Single Drops marks Luca Bash out as a compelling artist, whose minimalist compositions stay long in the memory. The Single Drops, proves that all you need to create good music is an idea and an instrument. Much of the Single Drops relies on the simplicity of a man and his guitar, a small platform that can be made vast by the right notes.



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