

**Artist:** Brian Severn and Those Victorious

**Title:** The Wonderboy E.P.

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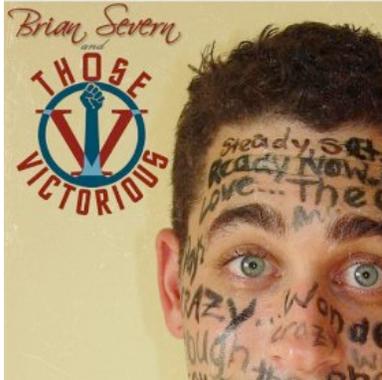
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Maryland's Brian Severn and Those Victorious' *The Wonderboy E.P.* brings a barrage of catchy hooks and emotional songs. The E.P. sounds like a mix of Dashboard Confessional and other pop-punk outfits like New Found Glory. While the CD is incredibly catchy, it ends up sounding a bit generic.

*The Wonderboy E.P.* opens with "Steady Set Ready Now," a song about memories of summer time love. It's a topic you've heard countless pop-punk bands sing about. Still, Severn writes some clever lyrics.

Severn sings, "Summer time, feed me a line/ Another reason to walk the street today/ Take me back to all the stress cracks in the pavement, as it burned my feet/ Hand in hand, a pocket full of sand."

Musically, "Steady Set Ready Now" mixes memorable electric guitar melodies over an acoustic guitar rhythm. It's a song that actually sounds like it should be listened to in the summer time. Despite the songs foot-tapping melodies, it's nothing you haven't heard bands like Saves The Day or The Get Up Kids play better.

"On Love" is the E.P.'s hardest-hitting song. The song features a rock riff that's enjoyable. The chorus of "On Love" is also built for singing along. It's definitely right at home with others in the pop-punk genre.

"The Glory Days" is another song on *The Wonderboy E.P.* that features a great rock sound. However, on this one Severn's lyrics get a little sappy.

Severn sings, "Dear my best friend; I wrote to tell you/ Today was wonderful compared to the last few/ I made a list of everything I love to do and I hardly thought to have a drink/ Hope to hear from you soon."

The E.P.'s last track, "Crazy," is the most unique one. Here, Severn cleverly sings his vocals in the same rhythm that the guitar plays. "Crazy" also builds from a slow acoustic sound to a powerful rock one, making it a fitting final song.

*The Wonderboy E.P.* is a decent release. There's no doubt that the songs are catchy and fun, but most of them fail to escape a generic sound. Still, if you're a fan of the pop-punk sound, you'll probably enjoy the CD.

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Tracks:

01. Steady Set Ready Now
02. Dumbfound
03. On Love
04. The Glory Days
05. Crazy