

Brian Severn and Those Victorious - The Wonderboy E.P. - CD

(BDS Music)

Elvis Costello's nerdy younger brother? (Or I guess at this point possibly his son?) Yeah, that's saying a lot. Hearing the title track "Steady Set Ready Now" I get the image of a really weedy nerd trying to act and sound like a bad ass. It's not like the lyrics are acting tough, it's just the inflection in the vocals. Overall their music is somewhere in the realm of **Toad the Wet Sprocket** or **Dishwalla**, really great, melodic college rock with plenty of hooks. It's just that the vocals rise to the top and the singer has a bit of nerdcore to his voice similar to the male singer from **Baby Calendar** or the aforementioned **Elvis Costello**. Overall a nice introduction to the band, I'm not hooked, but I am looking forward to their next release.

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