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Jacques: "I hear Jim Morrison can do this."

Jacques To Stars

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Overdue second album from former leader of critically adored Jack.

A twisted sense of humour is required to get the Jacques joke, given that it's the even feyer alter-ego of Jack's guiding light, Anthony Reynolds. The first Jacques album appeared in 1997, and those who worship at the shrine of Reynolds's label-mates The Divine Comedy, will love both

that and this sequel. The Jacques landscape can be off-puttingly bleak, but there is a little more fun this time around. Mostly, this seems to involve reminiscing about attempting to indulge in carnal pleasures while listening to the neighbours fighting next door, or whingeing about how awful his life has been up until now. This would be unbearable if it wasn't for the fact that Reynolds does it rather well: revelling in his own misery and

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Exquisitely arch navel-gazing for the infected pierced belly button generation and, as such, quite diverting. ★★★

Johnny Black