



JENS LEKMAN *ROCKY DENNIS EP*

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**1. Rocky Dennis Farewell Song to the Blind Girl 2. Rocky Dennis in Heaven
3. Jens Lekman's Farewell Song to Rocky Dennis 4. If You Ever Need a Stranger**

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The *Rocky Dennis EP* is the second EP in as many months to be released by wunderkind songwriter Jens Lekman on Secretly Canadian. It, like his *Maple Leaves EP* and an upcoming third EP, is a love letter to the world by a young man who is simply awash in a sea of hope. We consider these three budget-priced EP's an introduction of the simplest sort to the world of a musician who is bound to become a good friend to each and all music fans of the discriminating sort. Composed of four songs, the *Rocky Dennis EP* is a sweet goodbye to past lives and failed transformations. It is a sad yet ultimately hopeful song cycle. "Rocky Dennis Farewell Song to the Blind Girl" is pure orchestral pop bliss. On it, Lekman combines late-60's soft pop, sampled beats and the sweetest melancholic voice this side of Morrissey. The EP's second half is composed of two piano-based tunes, with Lekman at the keys, with the bright light beating the sweat out of his brow.

At only 21, Lekman has deservedly been the center of much hype in Scandinavia as of late. Having made a name for himself performing under the name Rocky Dennis, he recently hit #16 on the Swedish national record sales charts with this very EP. Most everyone who's heard him believes him to be the next great pop star emerging from the streets of the DIY underground. With an angelic voice and golden ears he seems to be drinking from the same hard waters as **Harry Nilsson**, the **Magnetic Fields**, Runt-era **Todd Rundgren**, **Bill Callahan's Smog**, the **Modern Lovers**, **Rufus Wainwright**, and **Belle & Sebastian**. He's currently working on his debut full-length, slated for release in mid-2004 on Secretly Canadian. He's already got over 100 songs in the can, but this feverish perfectionist won't stop until his ears are satisfied.

ALSO AVAILABLE BY JENS LEKMAN:

Maple Leaves CDEP (Secretly Canadian) SC70 *****Not Exportable to Denmark, Finland, Norway, or Sweden*****

Selling Points

1. Despite the fact that it was self-recorded and self-produced, his debut EP *Maple Leaves* hit #16 on Sweden's mainstream national sales charts, a testament indeed to his songwriting and producing sensibility.
2. He'll be touring America and Europe in early 2004 with Impossible Shapes and June Panic.
3. This is the second of 3 EP's Secretly Canadian is planning for him for the first half of 2004. The press campaign will be ongoing.
4. Budget-priced EP with a suggested retail price of \$3.99 should lure in the curious & adventurous amongst your retail outlet's clientele.



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