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Expectation is a motherfucker. This time two years ago **Explosions In The Sky** were a little band from Austin, TX that released a big record that was bound to win over even the most cynical hipsters and skeptics with its earnest-but-grandiose blend of emotionally draining drama metal. The only thing that stood in their way was a national tragedy of universal proportions that would - for a moment at least - stop the entire world. The record was released about a week before September 11, 2001, and after that day it was all anyone could do to not be reminded of what was right in front of them. Due to the unfortunately coincidental artwork depicting a plane crash and a band moniker that would get them tagged by the FBI for touring with best mates ...and You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead, the cards were stacked against them. In spite of being pulled from college radio and having several tour dates canceled, the band surged on and have since grown to become one of the biggest instrumental bands in the world. Now, two years later and (knock on wood) no new catastrophes to speak of, all eyes and ears are patiently focused on the band, eagerly awaiting their next accidental prophecy. And it goes like this: everything we love and take for granted will burn, and then everything will be reborn.

Picking up where Those Who Tell the Truth Shall Die left off, The Earth Is Not a Cold Dead Place begins as a flickering twinkle that soon grows to a blinding light. This new sense of hope is the defining characteristic of this record, and ultimately the journey that their music takes us on. Immeasurably more dramatic and dynamic than their last album, The Earth Is Not a Cold Dead Place takes its shape not in the unexpected cacophony that had become the band's trademark, but in the infinitely deeper caverns of the human soul. With a soft heartbeat-like thump that grows stronger by the minute, the band is now closer than ever to replicating the simple movements that, when strung together, form the unpredictably complex machine that is the human body. Words simply cannot do this the justice that it deserves. It goes so far beyond elementary comparisons to other bands. The answer is somewhere between your head and your heart, and indeed, that is not a cold dead place.

Track Listing:

- 1. First Breath After Coma
- 4. Memorial
- 2. Only Moment We Were Alone
- 3. Six Days at the Bottom of the Ocean

5. Your Hand In Mine

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