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Cross the Line Pocketbooks

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For fans of: Belle & Sebastian, Saint Etienne, Camera Obscura, C86

The debut single for the best kept secret of the thriving London indiepop scene, who made a strong impression with their appearance on the 2006 indiepop compilation 'The Kids at the Club'. Pocketbooks started as Andy Hudson's one-man band but in 2006 he was joined by Emma, Dan, Mark and Ben and together they've played shows around the UK dazzling the kids with their dreamy boy/girl harmonies and old-fashioned indiepop.

Anyone with a Casio and a sparkly hairclip can write a pretty pop song, but nobody else is writing pretty pop songs quite like Pocketbooks. Here's a paradox for you: gauche panache (and it half-rhymes too). Pocketbooks begin with the awkward H&M charm of vital indiepop and take it up town for a manicure and posh hairdo, borrowing some of, say, Saint Etienne's glamour and self-assurance without ever losing the girl-next-door friendliness of the Fat Tulips.

This is songwriting that knows what it's doing rather than hopes for the best, beautifully arranged around irresistible girl/boy singing and dramatic piano, borne up on a warm cherry-blossom breeze by those soaring, weightless organ lines. But it's also their sense of the specific that makes us warm to Pocketbooks: not queueing just for a band, but for the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, not losing just a bus pass but an Oyster card. And it takes some artistry to paint these everyday details of life in that special light that makes them glimmer, makes them new.

"...giddy timeless bedroom dramas... a hunger and cloistered dreams are all theirs. Glorious majesty, given time." *Planet Sound, Channel 4*

Live shows: 25 May – London, Buffalo Bar, Fortuna POP! night with Stars of Aviation, The Owls and Pete Green | **27 June** – Nottingham, Lee Rosy's Tea Shop | **21 August** – London, Old Blue Last (This is Fake DIY! Live). More shows to be announced shortly. Please check our website for details.



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