



### **Secret Friend – *Time Machine***

Australia has an uncanny knack for turning out some of the sunniest, catchiest, friendly (but not lightweight) pop music. Sure, it's a really big country, and generalizations are hard to make, but there's no way to explain away the finely-wrought and seemingly effortless kind of music that **Secret Friend** presents on this album. Reminiscent in places of **The Milk and Honey Band**, Secret Friend (**Steven Fox** and **Linus of Hollywood** plus assorted friends) crafts breezy songs that are impossibly appealing. Keen listeners will hear all sorts of influences, as the songs aren't all built around a fixed set of instruments, but Fox doesn't lean too much in any one direction. The result is a sound that's all his own. Sometimes vocalist **Willie Wisely** sounds a bit like **Justin Hayward** fronting, say, **Haircut 100**. His female foil is the honey-voiced **Kelly Jones**. *Time Machine* is MUST-hear for fans of infectious pop.

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