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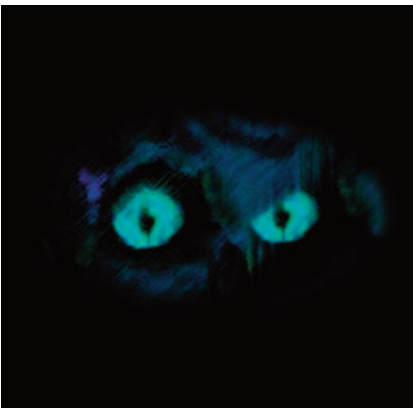
## The Late Show

The Late Show began life with a song originally recorded in 2002 by long-time friend and collaborator Erek Gita (Patrick Ware, now guitarist for The Dumps) entitled "Speaker For The Dead" after the Orson Scott Card novel. All elements of this song were originally generated by one of Erek Gita's many electric guitars. It was loneliied up a bit, adding some stray parts from other Erek Gita songs as well. The resulting mix "Sleeper For The Dead" that appears on this album was the nucleus around which the album was assembled.

One of The Late Show's most difficult passages is "Pounder". It's a lengthy improvisation using a few mistreated samples of Skip James and Lee Hazlewood among others. The result is disorienting and even a bit ominous; a swirling blend of bewildering desperation whose peak feels to us like grief pulled inside out - finishing its messy climax in a disquieting stillness. Hyperbole aside, it should be a pretty challenging listen to some and not easy to classify to most.

Easily the most curious and puzzling track on this album is, "Bullfight at Swan Lake". It's a bit of a cover song, and a bit of a mashup - taking pieces of several versions of Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" and merging it with a few brief samples of David Sylvian's "Before the Bullfight" from his 1986 album "Gone To Earth". These were arranged into a lengthy soundbed that is at once pastoral and spacey. Winding it's way through this landscape is a vocal narrative (a rarity for 400 Lonely Things), the lyrics to David Sylvian's song, "sung" by perhaps by a Gollum impersonator (Thus the song's subtitle, "A Tone Poem for Tchaikovsky, Sylvian and Gollum").

Material for this album was originally recorded between 1996 and 2008, with most of the album itself being assembled in 2005-2008.



## Track listing:

- 1 Eating Bees in an Airport
- 2 For You, Two (Part Three)
- 3 Pounder
- 4 Sleeper for the Dead
- 5 BRB
- 6 Fragile X in the New Age
- 7 Dracula Needs Glasses
- 8 Bullfight at Swan Lake  
(A Tone Poem for Tchaikovsky, Sylvian and Gollum)
- 9 Wings Found in my Things

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