

THE FELT TIPS



The Felt Tips are a Glasgow-based indie-pop quartet who formed in 2006 over a shared love of chiming melodic guitars and humorous real-life lyrics. Within a year Florida-based label, Cloudberry Records, had released The Felt Tips' first single Boyfriend Devoted, which gained the band many admirers within the international indie-pop community. Lifeskills, the band's second single, confirms The Felt Tips' status as one of the most inventive and entertaining bands around, with its playful yet strangely haunting soundscape and uncompromising lyrics. Building on this, The Felt Tips plan to continue captivating audiences in Scotland and beyond, having recently performed live in London and Sweden.

Vocalist Andrew Paterson's lyrics combine gritty and witty, painful and playful, while Miguel Navarro's guitar playing is as gorgeously sublime as anything you're likely to hear. Like Belle and Sebastian? Like The Smiths? You'll love The Felt Tips.

Is This Music

Now, here's a turn up for the books. An indie pop band from a genre often suspected of tweeness coming up with a couple of songs about the kind of women that normally exist in the lives of country singers. "Lifeskills" is just a wee bit dodgy in its lyrical content and that fact is not entirely disguised by the sugary backing track. Hey, that's life that's what the people say even if it includes fortified wine, a tired mouth and the end of innocence. Life skills indeed!

Not that the flipside "My Girlfriend Tried to Run Me Over" occupies the moral high ground either. In a land of somewhat unpredictable women - oh, how well we know that - this is an anthem to taking it like a man (no, not the prison variety of taking it like a man...). In fact, the song reminded me of why I wear steel toe capped boots in the kitchen. All I did was ask her to chop an onion and she somehow (accidentally?) managed to stick a Sabatier into the floor right between my toes. Gentlemen, I know where you are coming from!

So the vocals are a bit folk singer doing a Morrissey impersonation, but these are gritty lyrics encased in a sugar coating and that makes this band stand out from the crowd. It would be well worth your while tracking this single down.

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