



The Tongues — ...as seen on TV

Recorded by The Tongues at 3rd Nut Studios

Mixed by Dan Rathbun at Polymorph Studios

Mastered by Ben Conrad

Produced by The Tongues

Though only five tracks long, ...as seen on TV shows how far The Tongues can reach, musically speaking. The Oakland group's debut EP runs the gamut from upbeat, danceable pop-rock (think new Brit rock/pop invasion without the attitude) to catchy punk (like a slightly softer version of The Vandals or Bad Religion) to languid, lamenting rock.

Happy-go-lucky guitar hooks not only introduce one of the bands' many styles, but also help frontman Barry Syska tell the story of an unequal friendship on "See You Around." With lyrics like, "I must be stepping out / There's nothing left for me to savor / Have yourself a good life / See you around," Syska sings of a friend who seems to be taking everything but giving nothing, and the point of no return when enough is finally enough.

The Tongues' punk rock side comes out on "Many Towns" as heavy drums in the chorus and rhythmic, galloping guitars set the pace, matching the song's theme of constant roaming: "I've been around in many towns / Only 'cause I haven't found a place to settle down." This track seems especially fitting, given The Tongues' adept ability to master several different styles of music and the way this causes the album to jump around from point to point just like the song's narrator. This quality raises the question as to where the band will set foot next for their anticipated 2008 full-length. (Lick Me Records and Undergarments)

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