

# GODSPEED YOU! BLACK EMPEROR

## 'Asunder, Sweet And Other Distress'

CD / 180gLP / DL

RELEASE DATE: 31 MARCH 2015

*"If Godspeed around the turn of the millennium felt like a band of the moment, now, in a time of rapid cultural turnover and bite-sized music consumption, they feel out of step in a very necessary way."* – PITCHFORK

*"This Montreal collective still sound like nothing else...The Godspeed ethos of wordlessly eliciting universal truths remains as devastatingly effective as ever."* – THE GUARDIAN

**Godspeed You! Black Emperor** (GYBE) returns with its first single LP-length release since the group's earliest days in 1997-99. *'Asunder, Sweet And Other Distress'* clocks in at a succinct 40 minutes and is arguably the most focused and best-sounding recording of the band's career. Working with sound engineer Greg Norman (Electrical Audio) at studios in North Carolina and Montréal, GYBE slowly and steadily put the new album together through late 2013 and 2014, emerging with a mighty slab of superlative sonics, shot through with all the band's inimitable signposts and touchstones: huge unison riffage, savage noise/drone, oscillating overtones, guitar vs. string counterpoint, inexorable crescendos and scorched-earth transitions.

Following Godspeed's return from a long hiatus at the end of 2010 to begin playing live shows again, and with the hugely acclaimed *'Allelujah! Don't Bend! Ascend!'* release in 2012 marking their first new release in a decade, the group continued to perform regularly on their own headlining tours (and as headliners at many leading festivals), often including a new multi-movement piece in concert over the past couple of years. Known to fans and through live show recordings by the sobriquet "Behemoth", GYBE has gradually distilled this new work down to a fastidious and uncompromising essence in the studio, with the swing-time swagger of the opening unison riff in "Peasantry or 'Light! Inside of Light!'" giving way to increasing microtonal divergences and an exhilarating immersion in the harmonic power of massed amplified instruments, before collapsing into some of the most visceral and unalloyed noise/drone the band has yet committed to tape on "Lambs' Breath" and "Asunder, Sweet". The album closes with "Piss Crowns Are Trebled", a 14-minute piece of vintage Godspeed, where ascending and descending guitar and violin melodies intertwine over gut-rattling distorted bass in 3/4 time, segueing into a pummeling four-on-the-floor series of sparkling, soaring crescendos.

*'Asunder, Sweet And Other Distress'* finds Godspeed in top form; a sterling celebration of the band's awesome dialectic, where composition, emotion and 'note-choice' is inextricable from an exacting focus on tone, timbre, resonance and the sheer materiality of sound. The album is available on 180 gram vinyl in a gatefold jacket with printed inner dust sleeve and insert poster; on CD in a 100% recycled custom paperboard jacket; and on all manner of formats in our fractured digital marketplace. Thanks for listening.



CST111 • CONSTELLATION • 

ARTIST: Godspeed You! Black Emperor  
TITLE: *'Asunder, Sweet And Other Distress'*

#### TRACKLIST:

- 1 Peasantry or 'Light! Inside of Light!'
- 2 Lambs' Breath
- 3 Asunder, Sweet
- 4 Piss Crowns Are Trebled

GENRE: Rock

DURATION: 40:23

CD IN 100% RECYCLED GATEFOLD PAPERBOARD JACKET

180gLP IN GATEFOLD JACKET INCLUDES  
ART PRINT POSTER + DL COUPON

VINYL IS NON-RETURNABLE

NO EXPORT TO ISRAEL

**CD** BOX LOT: 30  
UPC: 666561 011123



**180gLP** BOX LOT: 40  
UPC: 666561 011116



Exclusively distributed by SC DISTRIBUTION  
Phone: (812) 335-1572 / Fax: (888) 678-0167  
US domestic sales Shelly Westerhausen <shelly@scdistribution.com>  
International sales Kraegan Graves <kraegan@scdistribution.com>

**CONSTELLATION • CSTRECORDS.COM**  
(514) 279-9705 PR: graham@cstrecords.com twitter.com/cstrecords