



ROBERT EARL THOMAS ANOTHER AGE - LP/CD

- Hometown: Chicago, IL
- Debut Solo Album from Widowspeak's Guitarist
- Touring in 2018

There are a million songs dressed in white t-shirts and American denim, songs that drift through open spaces in some busted sedan, over lost highways that become tributaries to eventual static, crawling traffic and stifling density. There are a million more songs about being wild and green in the cities and outside them: a song about love for every person on this earth. *Another Age*, the debut album from Robert Earl Thomas, avoids inhabiting these clichés even as it embraces their personal influence: this is an album about small moments with big emotional footprints, told humbly and honestly.

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01. Another Age
02. I Remember
03. Cryin'
04. The Weather
05. Wednesday Morning
06. Winona Forever
07. My Fault
08. What Am I Gonna Do
09. Word of Mouth

Thomas is not new to making records. A founding member of Brooklyn-based indie outfit Widowspeak, he's previously lent his talents as a lead guitarist to that band as well as the experimental pop group Vensaire. He began writing and home-recording songs two years ago, gradually and purposefully in moments of solitude between tours, between stints working in a Seattle woodshop and at a hotel in the Catskills, and during weeks couch-surfing back and forth across Brooklyn. For *Another Age*, Thomas combined these intricately layered demos with tracks from a two-week studio session in the winter of 2016 at Marcata Recording in New Paltz, NY with producer Kevin McMahan (Swans, Real Estate, Widowspeak).

It's a debut that plays the part without succumbing to it, more pastel romantic comedy than sepia historic drama. There are stylistic nods to Springsteen and Dire Straits, Arthur Russell's more folk-leaning output, the various collaborations of Tom Petty & Jeff Lynne. But Thomas seems intent on conveying his specific take on these things over emulating them; you get the impression that he's just as inspired by karaoke renditions of "I'm On Fire" or "Romeo and Juliet" as he is by the originals. And the stories he tells are full of intimate moments and observations: a walk home from a lover's apartment, a long night drive back upstate, a quiet Wednesday morning existential crisis; musings as to the significance of a Winona Ryder portrait on the wall of a stranger's bedroom; the sense of discovery that comes with being young in a city with a new person, and the sense of loss when that novelty is gone. *Another Age* is indoor music at its most expansive, rock and roll held at arm's length.

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LP BOXLOT: 45
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CD BOXLOT: 30
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