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| 1. Heavy Splendour | 5. All This Wanting |
| 2. Clerical Collar | 6. Hover On A Sliver |
| 3. Widow Were You Younger | 7. Maintain The Charade |
| 4. Shroud By The Sheetfull | 8. Blonde Ascending (Come Into The Clatter) |

Slim Twig is the name of a man, not of a band - though he has performed in many a group, some under his own moniker. Boasting a catalogue several under-the-radar releases deep, the Toronto native lays claim to a tremendously original work with his orchestrally-inflected, art rock album, *A Hound At The Hem*. Self-produced in the fall, 2010, *Hound* is a suite of narrative songs thematically inspired by Vladimir Nabokov's *Lolita*. DFA is privileged to reissue this album in advance of the release of Twig's newest works.

Upon completing *AHATH* in 2010, Twig struggled to find wide release for it due to its uncompromising textural onslaught and disregard for genre. This course of events set the stage for the composition and release of *Sof' Sike*, a somewhat more conventional set of pop songs released on Paper Bag Records, in 2012. The title of that work refers to Twig's own conception of *Hound* as the hard-psych flipside to his work of that period.

Recorded on Toronto Island in collaboration with fellow Torontonians, Louis Percival, the album features string arrangements by Owen Pallett, and other collaborators including Meg Remy (U.S. Girls), Carl Didur (Zacht Automaat), and the St. Kitts Quartet.

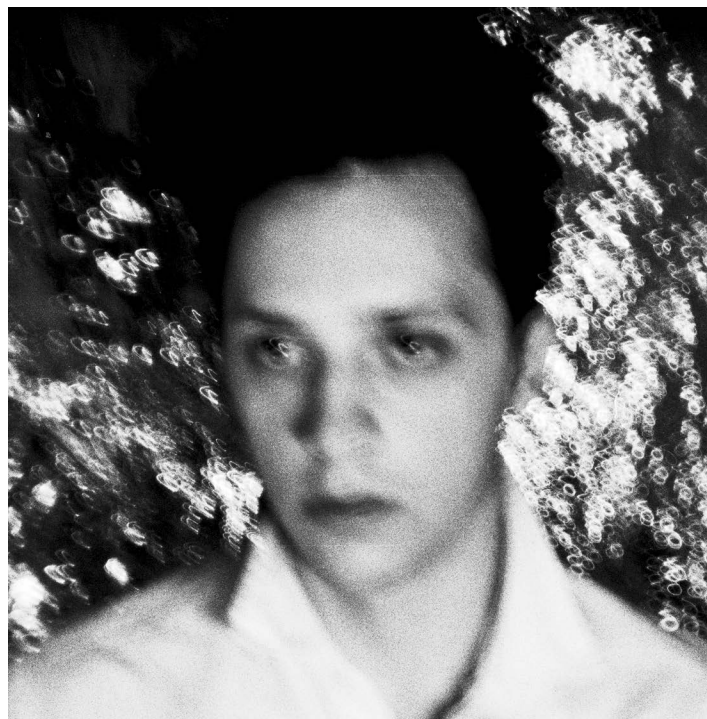
As a conceptual album exploring the troubling and the taboo and themes like the transformative power of lust, *AHATH* can be interpreted as an echolike response to Serge Gainsbourg and Jean-Claude Vannier's *Histoire De Melody Nelson*. Most of all, *AHATH* poses the question; where next for Slim Twig, this promising and original auteur?

"It's this balance of accessibility and experimentation that makes *Hound* – and indeed Twig himself – such an intriguing prospect." - *The Quietus*

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1. 500 limited edition colored vinyl copies available.
2. Features string arrangements from Academy Award nominee, Polaris Music Prize winner, and Arcade Fire touring member Owen Pallett.
3. Deluxe gatefold reissue with full album lyrics. Vinyl cut by Joe Lambert (Darkside, Animal Collective, Black Dice, Deerhunter)
4. First time available on CD, comes in a custom gatefold mini-jacket with a lyrics poster.
5. LP comes with a download, and posters are available.

"The string arrangements from Owen Pallett, and the St. Kitts string quartet frame the abstractions like guiding angelic wings through the challenges of handling Twig's musical splendor; heavy with dark, jagged edged underpinnings."
 - *Impose Magazine*

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