



RYLEY WALKER

GOLDEN SINGS THAT HAVE BEEN SUNG (DEEP CUTS EDITION)

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ABOUT THE ALBUM

The preceding years have been extraordinary for Ryley Walker. In March, his second album, *Primrose Green*, emerged to critical hosannas from the likes of NPR, Village Voice, Uncut, and Mojo – in the process, earning admiration of musicians who had chalked up no shortage of turntable miles in Walker's life. Robert Plant declared himself a fan – as did double-bass legend Danny Thompson, with whom Ryley would later embark on a British tour. A sprawling tour of the USA around *Primrose Green* presented a perfect chance to workshop ideas for what would eventually become his third studio album, *Golden Sings That Have Been Sung*.

On the album, "The Roundabout" represents a symbolic return to Chicago, while other songs are directly wedded to Ryley's actual return there. Perhaps more than any other song on the record, the somnambulant sun-dappled intimacies of opening track "The Halfwit In Me" most audibly bear the imprint of Ryley's improvisational sessions with Wilco multi-instrumentalist, Chicagoan and producer Leroy Bach, while "Funny Thing She Said" is an unflinching study of separation set to a shimmeringly supple ensemble performance.

Soft, slo-mo explosions of melody intermittently burst through the distant thunder of the verses on "A Choir Apart". Intriguing, surreal images are meted out by "I Will Ask You Twice", like a malfunctioning slide projector; and, perhaps best of all, the stunning finale, "Age Old Tale", which spiders out from an Alice Coltrane-inspired reverie into a sustained rapture that very few artists have managed to achieve.

TRACK LIST

SIDE A:

1. The Halfwit In Me
2. A Choir Apart
3. Funny Thing She Said
4. Sullen Mind

SIDE B:

5. I Will Ask You Twice
6. The Roundabout
7. The Great And Undecided
8. Age Old Tale

SIDE C:

9. Sullen Mind (Part I — Live At Sirius XM The Loft)

SIDE D:

10. Sullen Mind (Part II — Live At Sirius XM The Loft)

SELLING POINTS

- Ryley's debut for Dead Oceans, *Primrose Green*, received critical acclaim from NPR, Village Voice, Uncut, MOJO and more

- Deluxe "Deep Cuts" 2xLP edition in two color vinyl, Pink frost and Sea Foam blue, featuring 41-minute version of "Sullen Mind"

- Heavy touring, festivals and headlining US shows in the fall



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