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VIRGO FOOL TRACK LISTING:

SIDE A

1. Rock Holy
2. Black Country Woman
3. Joyce & Joel
4. Lion/Lamb
5. Father Sky
6. Issa

SIDE B

7. Back to the River Again
8. Tell Everyone
9. Karen's Blues
10. The Revenant
11. Hard Promises

Devotion: Songs About Rivers and Spirits and Children is a limited-edition deluxe box set which includes remastered reissues of the classic Hiss albums *Bad Debt*, *Poor Moon*, and *Haw* as well as *Virgo Fool*, a rarities compilation that will only be available physically as part of this collection. Both the 4-CD and 4-LP sets are housed in a cloth-wrapped, foil-stamped slipcase and feature original iconographic artwork by Sam Smith, an exclusive foldout poster, full lyrics, and new liner notes by New Yorker writer Amanda Petrusich and MOJO editor John Mulvey. The vinyl set also includes a digital download of all tracks.

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What struck me about Hiss Golden Messenger—and my absorption in these early records was instantaneous—is that Taylor's songs are completely and unfailingly honest about how stupid and frustrating it is to be a person. But then, of course, he finds magnificence anyway: "Hallelujah anyhow" is how he put it later.

—Amanda Petrusich

*Even on his most raw and unadorned album, *Bad Debt*, or on his most troubled, *Haw*, Taylor is still striving for that next level. Sometimes the epiphanies arrive through lyrical graft; "I'm trying to learn," he vows, emblematically, on "Sufferer (Love My Conqueror)." Sometimes, they manifest musically, as if the collective endeavour of a band can provide consolation, for both the participants and the listeners, in even the darkest of times. It's these imperatives, I think, that have made me turn to Hiss Golden Messenger records more than any others over the past decade; Taylor's issues are all too understandable, but his creative solutions to them are almost mystically uplifting to a non-musician like myself. His music articulates an untethered spiritual meaning, one which can make sense to those of us who have no coherent system of belief. On these albums, you can hear a mission, a compassionate vision, being improvised and fleshed out exponentially, as Taylor's sense of community and his place in it grows with every release. Also, they really fucking swing.*

—John Mulvey

KEY:

- 4CD & 4LP box sets contain the remastered albums *Bad Debt*, *Poor Moon*, *Haw* & *Virgo Fool*, for 46 tracks in total.
- *Virgo Fool* is a bonus album of compiled rarities exclusive to this set.
- 4CD & 4LP box sets are each limited to 2,200 worldwide
- Album art, by Sam Smith (Lateness of Dancers), includes new liner notes, lyric sheets & a foldout poster
- 4LP pressed at RTI
- Worldwide tour dates with War on Drugs, Trampled by Turtles and John Prine run through end of 2018.

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Hiss Golden Messenger *Devotion: Songs About Rivers and Spirits and Children* (reissue)



4LP Box Set



4CD Box Set

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vinyl is non-returnable

Box Lot: 4CD 10 / 4LP 10

UPC: 4CD is 673855065526

4LP is 673855065519

Format: 4CD set is cloth-wrapped slipcase box with matte foil stamping. CDs in LP-style debossed wallets + lyric inserts + foldout poster
4LP set is cloth-wrapped slipcase box with matte foil stamping. LPs in debossed jackets + lyric inserts + foldout poster + LP3 coupon

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