

# Jenny Hval

## *The Long Sleep EP*



*What am I doing here? Am I communicating? Am I promoting?*

*I just want to tell you something.*

*There should be something I could tell you, there should be something I could do to reach you directly, but there is nothing useful in the way we define "you", or "me". There should be something I could tell you, there should be something I could say directly without lyrics and melody.*

*Maybe that's what I'm trying here. Something else than lyrics or melody. It's not the words. It's not in the rhythm. It's not in the streaming. It's not in the "message". It's not in the product. It's not in the algorithms. It's not something you decided. It's not something they decided for you.*

*I want to tell you something, I just want to say: Thank you. I love you.*

The follow-up to **Jenny Hval's** acclaimed 2016 album *Blood Bitch* is *The Long Sleep*, an adventurous new EP that sees the Norwegian multidisciplinary artist embracing an instinctive, even subconscious, approach to creating meaning. In contrast to Hval's more explicitly conceptual work, *The Long Sleep* foregrounds the act of composition itself, letting the melodies and structures reveal the other elements of the songs. All of the songs on the EP recycle the same compositional motives, but manipulate them into very different shapes that take them further and further out of their original, "life-like" context.

Hval recorded *The Long Sleep* with longtime collaborator Håvard Volden and producer Lasse Marhaug, along with an ace new supporting cast of talented players from the jazz world — Kyrre Laastad on percussion, Anja Lauvdal on piano, Espen Reinertsen on saxophone, and Eivind Lønning on trumpet. Hval calls them some of her favorite contemporary musicians, and their musical background helps to give the songs on *The Long Sleep* their intuitive, improvised feel.

#### TRACK LISTING:

- 1 Spells (6:11)
- 2 The Dreamer Is Everyone in Her Dream (4:41)
- 3 The Long Sleep (10:48)
- 4 Tell Me Something (1:21)

#### KEY INFORMATION / SELLING POINTS:

##### **Hometown / Key Markets:**

- Oslo, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Austin, London

##### **Selling Points / Key Press:**

- Purple vinyl edition limited to 1500 copies worldwide
- Follow-up to 2016's acclaimed *Blood Bitch* LP
- *Blood Bitch* received **Pitchfork** Best New Music and yielded big features in *the New York Times* and **NPR**
- *The Long Sleep* sees Hval joined by longtime collaborators as well as a new band of Norwegian jazz musicians
- Touring planned for U.S. and Europe throughout 2018

#### RELATED CATALOG

- SBR-134 Jenny Hval *Apocalypse, girl* CD/LP
- SBR-161 Jenny Hval *Blood Bitch* CD/LP

#### **RiYL: Kate Bush, Laurie Anderson, Björk**

CATALOG #: SBR-199

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