

THE DRESDEN DOLLS [9]

'YES, VIRGINIA'



(ROADRUNNER)

The Dresden Dolls are a breath of fresh air. When success in the music world seems to depend increasingly on playing it safe (Coldplay et al) or turning rebellion into a marketable commodity (thanks, Hot Topic), their complete disregard for trends and commercial appeal is quite inspiring. They quickly sparked our curiosity with the eye-opening originality and bold eccentricity of their debut album. Now, Amanda Palmer and Brian Viglione return with 13 mini masterpieces that celebrate the art of twisted storytelling, piano-driven theatrical drama, and the soul-baring honesty of the most private journal. Don't expect easy listening; 'Yes, Virginia' is about confusion, questions, anger and alienation, but never resignation. For that reason, The Dresden Dolls' name deserves to be shouted from the highest rooftops.

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