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**J**ULIA FORDHAM IS a singer-songwriter from southern England, and "Swept" is her third album. Beware though, this is not an album for those with suicidal tendencies.

"Swept" contains beautiful lyrics. The one exception is 'As She Whispers', which repeats the word 'baby' 60 times in four minutes — no exaggeration. The rest are particularly poetic and great to mope to, since they deal mostly with heartbreak and hurt.

The music is extremely complex and well-produced. Unfortunately, the tempos are a bit on the slow side to say the least. There is not one upbeat song on the whole album, and every time I listened to it, I found myself saying 'I can't

wait for this to end'. I was bored. There are a couple of songs I could stand; in fact all were quite good when listened to in moderation. I especially liked 'Talk Walk Drive' and '(Love Moves) in Mysterious Ways', which by the way is the theme from Demi Moore's latest film, "The Butcher's Wife."

Luckily for Julia, her music is geared toward the 'New Adult Contemporary audience' — the Yuppies. Yuppies like these never-ending slow songs, because they are great as background music at dinner parties — no one hurts themselves trying to dance and no one has flashbacks.

I feel "Swept" is definitely a great album for anyone who likes slow relaxing background music, and perhaps if my heart were broken I would have enjoyed it more, but I found it just too slow and painful.

**"WAKING UP THE Neighbours"** is Canadian rocker Bryan Adams' long-awaited new album. It has been four years since his last release, the disappointing "Into the Fire", and I think it has been worth

the wait. Adams dropped long-time writing partner Jim Vallance and instead teamed up with Def Leppard

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producer John 'Mutt' Lange. Thus some of the songs sound similar to previous Def Leppard releases.

Adams has always kept his lyrics simple, and "Neighbours" is no exception. Songs like 'Hey Honey - I'm Packing You In' and 'House Arrest' have almost moron level lyrics with forced rhymes. These contrast with songs like the phenomenally huge hit (Everything I Do) I Do it for You' which has beautifully simple, straight from the heart lyrics. However, these simple words are part of Adams' attraction — he talks over no one's head.

The upbeat songs on the album all sound similar, with a driving beat and lots of guitar. The best part of the album are the slower

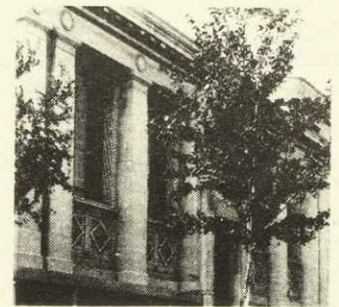
songs, which Bryan seems to have a knack for writing. The best songs are the afore-mentioned '(Everything I do)' and 'Do I Have to say the Words?'. I like them because they are simple love ballads.

Overall, "Waking Up the Neigh-

bours" is one of those albums one likes to play at a party, because most of the songs have party potential. It is a fun collection of songs that doesn't try to do anything impressive, just listen, and have a good time.

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