



album reviews by Don Teplyske

Wilfred N and the Grown Men
riding double
 Zonik Independent

Wilfred N and the Grown Men is a studio group composed of local musicians Jamie Philp and Wilfred Kozub. Their songs are inviting soft rock pieces with crisp instrumentation and enticing harmonies.

"Say it (Three Words)" the lead off track of this six song E.P., is an exciting blend of modern keyboard effects and mid-60's vocals, reminiscent of The Dave Clark Five(!). Wilfred N's influences are quite obviously from this era. "Sad New Day" is similar in basic structure to "Sat It", but includes the added bonus of the most grabbing hook on the album ("Oh, What a Sad New Day"). "We Could Have Made Films" captivates the listener with its initial sparseness and blooms to produce a well executed guitar fill from, I assume, Jamie Philp. "Moondreams" is the better of the two instrumentals on the E.P.; it is calming mood music that ends only too soon.

riding double is not without flaws. Included is a tepid version of Lennon and McCartney's "From A Window" which does nothing except promote the question —

Why? "Say It" and "Sad New Day" show that Kozub is capable of writing catchy, hook laden songs and needs not rely on throw-away Beatle's tracks. "Italian Westerns" is the only overwhelmingly annoying track on the album; a monotonous instrumental which should have been left on the studio floor. Also, while the cover design prevents the band from being pigeon-holed, it is a bit too plain and evasive.

riding double shows promise of great things to come from Wilfred N and the Grown Men. They write and perform pop songs with a sincerity often missing and their creative vocal stylings make their future projects welcome to, and anticipated by, these

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