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## BIRDS OF AVALON

Bazaar Bazaar

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**BOISTEROUS BONG HITTING PROG ROCK:** Birds of Avalon is yet another group formed around a husband and wife pair (guitarists Paul Siler and Cheetie Kumar, formerly of The Cherry Valence), but their sound shares little in common with the prevailing stereotype. For one, there are no cutesy call and response harmonies anywhere on *Bazaar Bazaar*; Craig Tilley handles the vocals himself, screeching over the rockers like The Mars Volta's Cedric Bixler Zavala and sounding like he's singing through a water bong in "Planet Caravan" descended psychedelic jams like "Instant Coma." The latter is the least satisfying of Birds of Avalon's styles. "Where's My Blood?" is a slight interlude and "Instant Coma" is aptly named—and they don't spend too much time exploring it. Instead, they keep their focus on 70s guitar jams that would do Lynyrd Skynyrd proud, with Tilley's vocals emphasizing the prog rock influence that heavily shapes the band's sound. The interludes would be understandable



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