Hardcore Friends

Artist: Lithuania
Non-Airable Tracks: NONE
Label: Lame-O Records

*Hardcore Friends* is a solid album that provides the listener with much needed diversity. I often feel that with bands that emulate/are in the same vein as Tigers Jaw, Joyce Manor, or Modern Baseball, the music can get repetitive - the same acoustic or drum patterns over fairly similar songs about fairly similar things: that girl who won’t call you back, that girl who is chasing after that stupid boy, or questioning the point of life. But this is where *Hardcore Friends* diverges from this commonly taken path. Lyrically, the songs show diverse topics that focus more on friendship or figuring out yourself than on romantic relationships. Musically, the album shows a great diversity, proving that bands don’t have to play all head bangers or softer acoustics 24/7, they can in fact do both. Sometimes I think bands forget that, or are simply afraid to, and I applaud Lithuania for doing that. The songs features great melodies and really catchy bass, and the album flows. Each song really has something that makes it stand out from the others, without sounding too crazy disjointed. The more I listen to this album, the more I find to like about it (having listened to it around 4 times already); play on your show for some great punk/emo/pop punk feels.

Sounds Like:
Tigers Jaw
Sounds Like:
Joyce Manor
Sounds Like:
Hop Along

Recommended Tracks:
#2 "2009": Really catchy chorus, faster-paced, one of the more pop-punkier tracks
#5 "Coronation Day": A very warm, enveloping track that is one of the slower ones on the album; acoustic autumn emo vibes
#10 "Hardcore Friends": Simultaneously fuzzy and cleanly produced, listen to this with your hardcore friends and jam to the sound of your great friendship

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- emo [2]
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- Pop Punk [4]
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