We Like Fun
Artist:
They Might Be Giants
Non-Airable Tracks:
11
Label:
Idlewild Recordings

This album has a fun, catchy, upbeat tune with serious undertones discussing topics of love, loss, and depression. The singers explore different aspects of life and death through the album through catchy songs that sound reminiscent of the children's music they have written in the past. The lead singer sounds a lot like Benjamin Gibbard, although the songs are quite a bit different than what you'd hear from Death Cab for Cutie or The Postal Service. This album sounds like the soundtrack for the end of the world, with many of the lyrics calmly accepting the darkness and troubles that are often brought about by day to day living, at times making a mockery of topics like love and sex.

The sound is upbeat, the singer has a low but pleasant voice. Each song has strong background instrumentals. You can tell the age and the experience of the band by the way that they play, as this is their 20th album. The album is unique in some senses, however, it sounds quite a bit like many other artists. To the band's credit, the songs are well thought out with deep and meaningful lyrics and themes throughout each song. My favorite track, "By The Time You Get This" is incredibly catchy and can get stuck in your head for days at a time. However, while it is stuck in your head, you will also realize the degree of nihilism that is interwoven into the lyrics of this song, which makes it unique as the catchiness and the nihilistic outlook are proven not to be mutually exclusive.

Sounds Like:
Benjamin Gibbard
Sounds Like:
Cake
Sounds Like:
The Mountain Goats
Recommended Tracks:
4. By The Time You Get This: A fun, catchy, and repetitive tune with interesting lyrics.
11. We Like Fun: A funny song that pokes fun at aging as well as pharmaceuticals, that is appropriate for the title song.

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