



Silver Jews Bright Flight



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SELLING POINTS

Silver Jews are back! Notify their large, well-moneyed audience that it is so!

Bright Flight features a brace of "instant classic" **Silver Jews** songs, with a wit and a style that will be familiar to all who know them and attractive to all other strangers.

But for those who don't know yet, the "Tennessee" 12"/CDEP will be issued in advance of **Bright Flight** to give an extended (four song) preview.

Bright Flight features the same highly successful rhythm section (**Tim Barnes/Mike Fellows**) as was on the highly successful **American Water**.

Other players on **Bright Flight** include the cream of Nashville's current crop of session hands.

Head Jew **David Berman's** continued adventures in the book world (his first volume of poems, **Actual Air** is still a big seller for Open City Books) continue to win more listeners for **Silver Jews**.

Press and radio will be treated like kings during the press campaign for **Bright Flight**.

Posters and promos are available for retail display.

TRACK LISTING

Slow Education ~ Room Games and Diamond Rain ~ Time Will Break the World I Remember Me ~ Horseleg Swastikas ~ Transylvania Blues ~ Let's Not and Say We Did ~ Tennessee ~ Friday Night Fever ~ Death of an Heir of Sorrows

Let the name of Drag City be heard once again in the town and country of this land! One and all should prepare themselves to feast and rejoice as they speak our name.

It should be obvious why we anticipate such celebration — a new full-length LP from your AOR faves, **Silver Jews**. Three years after the knockdown, dropout classic **American Water** hit the stands, **Silver Jews** songman **David Berman** has pulled his guitar and notebook out of the fire and slapped them into the frying pan once again. The sweet outcome is now cooling on the ledge before you.

Bright Flight is the fourth **Silver Jews** album, but it could also be called "Silver Jews In Space" — that's how high and lonesome it sounds. Nothing could be lonelier than the endless void of outer space, right? Well, **Silver Jews** are tied to the earth — which means that the void might be living in the house down the road. And late at night, the dizzying sounds of **Bright Flight** can be heard emanating from the house...get the picture?

It's been so long since the last new **Silver Jews** LP, we'd almost forgotten how enjoyable it is to hear a new **Silver Jews** LP again. But then we put it on...and **Bright Flight** sure is. All the **Silver Jews** traditions are there — the vague country-rock, the solid silver tunes, **Berman's** moan-and-yowl, way-out lyrics, the secret hits and the sudden twists in the road that only **Silver Jews** songs have. Plus at least one instrumental. **Bright Flight** has all of that. But it's also got a lot of real human tragedy in it. These songs seem less like equations than ever — and the wild kindness set out to at the end of **American Water** sometimes seems a little more wild (and much kinder) than previously envisioned.

And the backing band is more solid than ever! The **American Water** rhythm section — percussionist **Tim Barnes** on the traps and **Mighty Flashlight** himself, **Mike Fellows** — is back in black. **Steve Malkmus**, whose wit and wisdom has seemed more complimentary to **Berman's** music than his own, is not in evidence on **Bright Flight** — nor is he missed. Lethal doses of pedal steel, electric guitar, and some of the best piano playing around are supplied by Nashville cats **William Tyler**, **Tony Crow**, and **Phil Niehaus**. The production from another Nashville vet, **Mark Nevers** does what it should — which is to bring **Silver Jews** back home. They've been lost in the wilderness for so long now.



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