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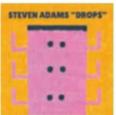
STEVEN ADAMS

Drops

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Characteristically compelling solo album from Broken Family **Band mainstay**



STEVEN ADAMS "DROPS" It hasn't always been easy to keep track of Adams' discography. His droll, lowkey writing has

appeared under the names of The Broken Family Band, Singing Adams and – lately – Steven Adams & The French Drops. His latest album retains both the name of his recent backing band, at least some of it, and the sensibility which has underpinned Adams' underrated catalogue. *Drops* is perhaps somewhat more scuffed and grungey than is usual for Adams; it often recalls, deliberately or otherwise, The Bats, The Verlaines and other mordant lo-fi psychedelic indiepop of the Flying Nun label, best demonstrated on "Cheap Wine Sad Face" and "Heads Keep Rolling".

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