



"Celeste Celeste," by Red Light Driver (from left, Derek Osgood, Jonathan Harmon, Mike Contreras and Drew Reed), focuses on rock 'n' roll and soccer. / Photo provided by MFT Records



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Red Light Driver

"Celeste Celeste" EP

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» **In a nutshell:** Stylish quartet releases four songs plus two brief sonic sketches, guided by the ever-shimmering guitar of Jonathan Harmon.

» **Fan finder:** Despite the girl's name in this EP's title, the foremost Anglophiles of the Indianapolis rock scene are focused here on rock 'n' roll and soccer. Bass player-vocalist Mike Contreras sorts out the fabled allure of corner kicks, all-day chants on hard-fought goals on "The Away Anthem."

» **That's a keeper:** Vocalist-guitarist Derek Osgood speaks up for rock on "Diamond Rough," a euphoric love letter to unpolished ear candy.

» **Didn't see it coming:** "Canterbury Tea" is a goth-themed cautionary tale that doubles as a spoof of witch house, an over-the-top synthpop genre. "I've been drugged by the witch of this house," Osgood laments.

» **The verdict:** "Celeste Celeste" -- a breezy 20-minute listen -- represents a satisfying sliver of Red Light Driver's talents. It cultivates anticipation for the next full-length project, and, for the uninitiated, should spark interest in the band's past work.

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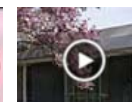
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