



Viv & Riley Imaginary People

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A bittersweet nostalgia lies at the heart of *Imaginary People*, the new album from indie roots duo Viv & Riley. Over ten tracks, the pair applies an indie folk sheen to newly composed pop gems, a reworking of an ancient ballad, and even an original fiddle tune, deftly weaving together the old and new. In contrast to the sunny, lush production from Alex Bingham of *Hiss Golden Messenger*, the lyrics lean melancholic. "Kygers Hill" and "Sauvie Island" are both wistful odes to locales where these two young master musicians spent formative years developing a penchant for songwriting. Both musicians trace their original artistic inspiration to the deep roots music they learned in their youths on opposite sides of the country. The duo's continuing musical expansion is in part the fruition of their investment in the music scene of their new home of Durham, NC which is known for its cross-genre collaboration and creatively articulated roots music. However, the tracklist is still peppered with pedal steel and the rootsy fiddle and banjo trappings the pair employed to acclaim on their previous two releases. As much as *Imaginary People* looks back to nostalgic yesteryears, it importantly marks the beginning of a new direction for these songwriting virtuosos.

Band member

Alex Bingham	Bass, Synthesizers, MPC
Andy Stack	Drums, Organelle, Pump Organ
Bucket Bingham	Vocals
Riley Calcagno	Vocals, Guitar, Fiddle, Banjo
Sam Fribush	Keyboard, Banjo
Vivian Leva	Vocals, Guitar, Ice Cubes
Whit Wright	Pedal Steel

Producer

Alex Bingham

Tracklist

1.	Kygers Hill M: Vivian Leva	03:36
2.	Sauvie Island M: Vivian Leva/Riley Calcagno	04:07
3.	The General M: Vivian Leva/Riley Calcagno	02:53
4.	Is It All Over M: Vivian Leva/Riley Calcagno	02:49
5.	Imaginary People M: Vivian Leva	04:08
6.	Flashing Lights M: Vivian Leva/Riley Calcagno/Alex Bingham	03:44

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7.	How to Lose M: Riley Calcagno	03:52
8.	Chance Creek M: Riley Calcagno	03:31
9.	The Long Way	03:01
10.	The Blackest Crow M: Traditional	04:58