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THE HELIO SEQUENCE

Negotiations

Sub Pop



OK, first off, this is a *tentative* smiley face. The Helio Sequence have been trying to make it for

more than ten years now, and honestly, if you listen to their albums, you can see why. It's mostly the same crap that you can hear at any concert space or basement party in Portland. This new one, though, shows just enough potential that these almost-too-old indie rockers might get some limelight before they have to give up and sell insurance or get their real estate licenses. Ask your once-hip, now-married older brother about them. He probably bought their album in 1999, and he'll take pleasure in telling you he knew they were good all along. But, shhh, he's lying. Or has bad taste.

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