

# secret shine - "after years"

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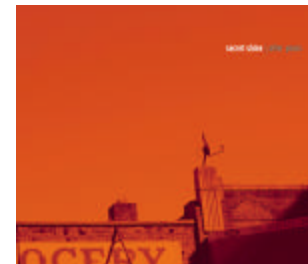
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**for fans of...**

Sarah Records, Slowdive,  
My Bloody Valentine

**wholesale price**

\$5.00



**bio**

Clairerecords is extremely proud to present "After Years" - a collection of recordings previously released on the Sarah Records label by Secret Shine. After Years compiles the "Ephemeral" and "Loveblind" singles, the "Untouched" album, and the "Greater Than God" EP - each in their entirety, all on one convenient disc (ironically enough, this release does NOT include the "After Years" single - but who could resist such a befitting name for this collection?). All of these recordings have been out of print for years, and have been known to fetch over \$70 on certain evil auction websites.

In September, 1991, Secret Shine released two debut singles ("After Years" and "Unbearable") on two different labels (Sarah Records and A Turntable Friend, respectively), within a week of each other. The sound of these singles was definitive Sarah Records-styled pop. Shortly thereafter the band changed their sound to something more distorted, loud, and raw - but definitely still melodic. "Ephemeral" was released in April, 1992 and was the first hint at this band's great sonic achievements. "Loveblind" followed in March of 1993, and was quite a success - the single was played every night on Steve Lamacq's show as "Single of the Week", and that same week John Peel also played it every night - it reached #19 on the UK indie charts. "Untouched" was released a month later and was the bands shining moment - a full 8 tracks of gorgeous, blissful shoegaze/dreampop. Reverbed & distorted guitars, ethereal boy/girl harmonies, sonic bliss... "Greater Than God" was Secret Shine's last release for Sarah, and was their hardest-edged sounding release to date, taking big cues from the loudest bits of MBV's "Loveless".

To us, Secret Shine are the definition of dreampop.

**selling points**

- radio and press worldwide, serviced by Clairerecords directly
- licensed from the esteemed UK label Sarah Records!
- sure to satisfy the legions of underground shoegaze fans worldwide, who have been paying big big \$\$\$ on eBay for these recordings separately! Not to mention the Sarah Records fanatics...
- luxuriously housed in digipak packaging - a Clairerecords first!

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**list price**

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**track listing**

- 01> honey sweet
- 02> secret shine
- 03> loveblind
- 04> way too high
- 05> suck me down
- 06> temporal
- 07> spellbound
- 08> so close i come
- 09> into the ether
- 10> toward the sky
- 11> underworld
- 12> sun warmed water
- 13> liquid indigo
- 14> ignite the air
- 15> deep thinker
- 16> elizabeth's april
- 17> last words

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