



# airiel - winks and kisses box set

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**for fans of...**

Cocteau Twins, Kitchens of Distinction, Lush

**wholesale price**

\$20.00



**bio**

When shoegaze was but a faint glimmer in the eye of late-20th century popular music, groups like Lush, Ride, Slowdive and My Bloody Valentine made their presence known not by releasing hastily-crafted full-length albums, but via a steady stream of EPs designed to tantalize the listener and leave them wanting more. It proved a successful tactic both creatively and commercially, attracting legions of fans to their vivid swathes of guitar-driven noise, trance-inducing vocals and heady sonic textures. While the aforementioned melody makers are long defunct, that very same less-is-more ethos shaped Aerial's long-awaited boxed set, Winks & Kisses, which puts all four of their EPs in a lovely box set complete with an 8-page color booklet.

While each installment of Winks and Kisses arrived separately between July 2003 and June 2004, they nonetheless maintain thematic continuity coupled with inventive variety, affording new fans an ideal opportunity to not only become acquainted with the band, but to track their artistic progress as well. The first EP, Frosted, was packed with heady, sensuous propulsion, while its successor, Dizzy, was made especially memorable by "This Is Why I Can't Sleep," which found its way to the 2003 Village Voice Pazz & Jop Critics' Poll. Melted, the third EP, surfaced in January 2004, and Cracked, the series' finale, marked Aerial's first release with a permanent drummer, a change whose impact could hardly be more striking.

All four Aerial EPs were restricted to 750-copy pressings, and the complete box set is itself a limited-edition commodity. Only 500 copies were printed, and all four EPs will be relegated to out-of-print status once they're gone. We could hardly envisage a better Yuletide treasure for the dream pop aficionado in your life.

**selling points**

- HIGHLY LIMITED with very few copies going out to retail!
- collects all four gorgeous EPs into one box with extra packaging - at the same cost as the EPs individually!
- perfect holiday gift for the shoegaze lover on your list!

**list price**

CD \$39.99

**barcode**



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**track listing**

- 01> Liquid Paper
- 02> Kiss Me Slowly
- 03> Rainflower
- 04> Halo
- 05> Stratosphere
- 06> RI
- 07> This is Why I Can't Sleep
- 08> 500 Deep
- 09> Jeanette
- 10> Sharron Apple
- 11> Firefly
- 12> In Your Room
- 13> Airtight Angels
- 14> Swimming Through Us
- 15> Where it Belongs
- 16> Shirley Temple Tidal Wave

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