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PLUSH

Fed Broken Horse ****

Liam Hayes is a singer-songwriter who could and should be one of the brightest stars in the firmament. Possessed of a wonderful voice and a clutch of mesmerising songs, Hayes's under-rating is probably down to his sporadic release schedule, with years often going by between a single and an album. *Fed* was originally released in Japan in 2002, but has taken until now to get beyond Asia. More's the pity: *Fed* is an album chockablock with grand ideas and towering ambition. Leaving behind the sparse, contemplative beauty of his 1998 debut, *More You Becomes You*, Hayes moves towards more lavish, exuberant and lush musical terrain. *Fed* dazzles with symphonic, dramatic, strung-out panache, creating an album where you could imagine Burt Bacharach guiding Isaac Hayes onwards and upwards towards greater heights. The really good news is that a new Plush album is due in 2009. www.liamhayesandplush.com

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