

Reflecting Skin - Agony Star - 9-song CD ***

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Man, she's got a sweet voice. It's a five-member outfit of rock songs with an avant edge. Got some moody bits like "Snake" with its dreamy echoed guitar intro and synth pad filling up the floor like an overflowing bath tub (would a brook be a better assimilation?). "Snake" moves into a hypnotic drum groove with some sung vocals, some spoken. Got some creative guitar happenings herein – not just the four-chord dribble of washed-up changes. Fourth

song, "Remember Me" is exemplary with its repeating guitar figure and odd-time feel.

Other titles of note: "Last In Heaven," "Shadow Of Your World," "One," and "I Dream, You Sleep." Interesting title that. It's a dark song in a minor key (most of the dark ones are). Slow tempo, morbid melody, and that sweet voice over all. Contact: www.reflectingskin.net

- L.A. Joe