

Album of the week



The Unthanks:

The Last (EMI) £12.99

The wonderful intimacy of the Unthanks' vocals encompasses great traditional songs, among covers of Tom Waits, King Crimson and Jon Redfern. Lyrical piano holds sway, with chamber strings and brass providing a softly modernist classical backing, and although I miss the sharper contrasts of *The Bairns*-era band, there is no mistaking *The Last's* brooding, melancholy power: **TIM CUMMING**

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