

me if I decline to redden my palms with thundering applause. (Jeff Clark)

Pagoda — Dearly Departed

[Lazyline]: Think of that woozy, disorienting and paralyzingly beautiful sonic aura surrounding Big Star's "Kangaroo," then drape it in a gauze of Paisley Underground, Pink Floyd and E6. Comparable in some respects to early My Morning Jacket, this DC group makes weird yet somewhat rootsy pop in a psychedelic vein, with reverb on high and mystery to spare. Whispered vocals offer no explanations, only licking your ears like the ghosts of lovers left behind. This album is a true gem - definitely worth seeking out. (Jeff Clark)

The Delmonas — Do the Uncle

Willy [Get Hip]: Onetime backing vocalists for Billy Childish's group Thee Milkshakes, these British chickadees