

SHAWNA VIRAGO | Heaven Sent Delinquent



RELEASE DATE: 1 December 2016

ON: vinyl, CD, download, streaming

Tracklist:

SIDE 1

1. Bright Green Ideas
2. Gender Armageddon
3. The Ballad of Miss Suzy Texas
4. Last Night's Sugar
5. Heaven Sent Delinquent

SIDE 2

6. Burnout
7. Anniversary Song
8. The Pleasure Car
9. Holy Rollers
10. Lands of Guns and Honey

FIRST SINGLE "GENDER ARMAGEDDON" – RELEASED 12 OCTOBER 2016

LISTEN: <https://soundcloud.com/shawnavirago/sets/heaven-sent-delinquent-single1>

GENDER ARMAGEDDON MUSIC VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kz0vo0exmY>

WEBSITE: <http://shawnavirago.com>

"Evocative, powerful songwriting—a modern day transgender troubadour who sings her razor-sharp lyrics over her singular folk-punk guitar playing" – SAN FRANCISCO BAY TIMES

"A trailblazer...an artist who cuts the path she walks on" – THE RUMPUS

Cult solo acoustic artist Shawna Virago will release her new album 'Heaven Sent Delinquent' on 1 December 2016 (Tranimal Records). Available on vinyl, CD, download and streaming. Ten acoustic storytelling songs articulate escape – real or imagined – by a cast of outsiders, queer rebels and loners. Each song spins an odyssey by these escape artists: from stifling, oppressive, dusty towns; from the crushing weight of a questionable past; from the potential violence transpeople face every day. Virago's songs are wry and lyrical. The production on the album is sparse, with Virago's take-no-prisoners voice and deft folk-punk guitar style.

The album's first single '**Gender Armageddon**' is at once anthem and requiem, a tribute to the desperate camaraderie of queer outsiders not afraid to punch back against a hostile world. '**Pleasure Car**' is an ode to the exquisite promise held by a tank full of gas: a chance at freedom and flipping the bird to those who would crush our dreams. Brimming with dark humor, '**Burnout**' reveals a mythical eponymous town full of teenagers living under the tyranny of boredom ... and an epic tale of a first queer sexual encounter.

SHAWNA VIRAGO is a transgender trickster celebrated for her striking lyric-based songs. Her music twists together folk and punk, offering raw observations about survival in a predatory world, queer love, and sticking up for the underdog. Virago is celebrated as a music pioneer – she was one of the US' first openly transgender women to perform and tour nationally, and has performed as an out-transwoman since the early 1990's. Virago has been featured in national media including *Bitch*, *Advocate*, *Rumpus*, and *Curve* magazines, on NPR and PBS, and on left-of-the-dial radio. *Shewired* named Virago as one of the nation's "Top 25 Hot Femmes." *The Advocate* named Virago's song '[Objectified](#)' as one of the nation's top transgender anthems.

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