

Brittle Sun - Paquita

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Full of ambience and with a gentle flowing rhythm, “Paquita” finely balances darkness and light in a wonderful coming together of sonic and lyrical themes.

Dreamy, reverberated guitars contrast to produce both bright highlights, and underlying dark, drone-like chords interspersed with mournful slide create an atmosphere of both hope and sorrow.

This gives the song great context as its story unfolds through a beautifully controlled, sweet, yet reaching vocal track, that doesn’t get carried away with emotion, allowing occasional vibrato and harmonies to lift it to higher peaks.

Although somewhat of a eulogy to hope and happiness, taken away by the malevolence of another, the song’s restraint aids in preserving its serious undertones, yet does not allow itself to be depressing, but rather stoic and atmospheric.

The story could happen anywhere, and the song gives off an Alt Country vibe, yet there is something very urban about it also.

Perhaps the references to Old Melbourne Town in the lyrics, echoed in the retro images of the accompanying video, get me a little nostalgic!