

Brittle Sun - Paquita

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The latest single from Melbourne, three-piece Brittle Sun, 'Paquita,' is a melancholic requiem for a lost friend.

Singer Viki Mealings delivers the top-line with a brittle, mourning fragility, against a backdrop of jangly, reverberating guitars, evoking an aptly nostalgic, Baez-infused, flower-power Sixties-folk lament.

Lamenting her loss, Mealings journeys through the streets of North Fitzroy and the places that summon memories of Paquita, accompanied by funereal drums and a gently wailing lap-steel, emptying her heart of reminiscences through poetry and song:

“The spark in your black eyes lives within my heart, we are tiny fish we are made of stars.”

Ultimately, Paquita is at once a moving tribute, a heartfelt recollection and a personal catharsis that plucks the heartstrings and resonates with the relatable vulnerability of our own fragile humanity.