

reviews



NICK KELLY

RUNNING
DOG

Self

*Possessed
Records*

It's been
seven years

since Nick Kelly's last album, a collection of songs bankrolled by his fans that was long on doomy romance and twee wordplay. This time out, the one-time singer with 90s hopefuls The Fat Lady Sings seems to have sworn off tortured poetry and found a new lease of life. For a start, producer Joe Chester, formerly of Dublin guitar slingers Ten Speed Racer, brings some ringing melodies and welcome variety to Kelly's songs with *New Star* and *You Will Love Again* standing tall as quiet moments of simplicity and class. The singularly strange *Tamagotchi* and the rhapsodic mini movie of *Brand New New York Day* are great, too, but hats off to Kelly for his line about Oscar Wilde lusting after Jim Morrison on *The Loneliest Ghost in Père Lachaise*. A little gem of a record.

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