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Hollis Lomax *Past Time*



Artist: Hollis Lomax

Single: Past Time

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For fans of... Ought, John Cale, Crumb, Half Japanese

Having met at Oxford University in 2019, bonding over under-appreciated **Beatles** songs, **Jonathan Richman** and - naturally - **Edward Elgar**, **Hollis Lomax** were officially born. Through a combination of off-kilter math pop, sardonic, barbed lyricism and idiosyncratic song structures, the four-piece willingly embraced their inherent weirdness.

Absorbing a variety of influences, ranging from **Ought** to **Parquet Courts** and **Brian Eno** to **Talk Talk**, Hollis Lomax constructed a sound that uniquely straddles the line between contemporary and retro. Latest single **Past Time**, out on **28th May 2021**, exemplifies the band's ability to produce endearing distinctive pop music. Twinkling keyboard sounds flutter in a dream-like trance, and are accented beautifully by jazz-infused percussion, a wry crooning vocal delivery and chiming guitar notes.

Reflecting on a past relationship, the themes of *Past Time* assess how life has since changed. The nostalgia is coloured by the difficulties of navigating adult-life and the responsibilities that accompany it. The three-part nature of the song is supposed to feel like a journey in which, by the second part, the lyrics show a more mature, adult approach to romance. However, the final section presents an internal conflict, as it paints a messy emotional frenzy, led by the lyrics 'Let's go there', which refer to a desire to return to a 'Past Time' of emotional intensity and youthful excitement.

Hollis Lomax is **Will Rowland** (Keyboard/Vocals) **Hugo Keays** (Guitar) **Will Ellis** (Bass Guitar) and **Rob Taylor** (Drums). The band released their first single in 2019 picking up support from the likes of **BBC Introducing Oxford** and New York's **Come Here Floyd**. Having played headline shows at **The Cellar**, Oxford and **The Islington**, London, Hollis Lomax will re-emerge from the lockdown with a support slot, alongside **Pynch**, at **The Waiting Room**, Stoke Newington in August.

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