

TAUGHTME

LADY



Listening to *Lady*, I'm laying on my back, arms crossed behind my head, on a grassy hill, overlooking the bay. My eyes are closed. The sun is bearing down on my fleshy lids and the light is causing little images to form in my perception. Petite figures of trees and children and balloons and bells and singing and dancing, like little paper cutouts emerge from my periphery. The ones we marveled at, jumping out of our pop up books as a child. But the characters mustn't be confined to the second dimension. They are soft, they are round. They are palpable, and faceted. These are the images of childhood, of memories, of bruises and smiles, since pruned and prized.

Blake Henderson has a delicate reverence for nostalgia and places his most naked and sincere reminiscences on display, where the listener can walk amongst them, alongside them, behind them, and take it all in, as a breath. I almost feel intrusive, eavesdropping, as I happen upon the pleading monologues in tracks like 'Stranger Struggle,' and 'Heaviest.' Henderson doesn't hide behind the guise of convolution or cryptology. He begs to be understood. In a world where honesty and transparency are failing currencies, a voice like Henderson's simply cannot go unnoticed.

Aside from his role as a singer/songwriter, Henderson has deftly established himself as a producer and engineer, taking on his last three albums autonomously and assisting in the production and recording of the last two Uzi & Ari records. Although **TaughtMe** is essentially a solo affair in the studio, a full band is employed when performing live. After several months of sporadic travels in support of his previous album, *Arms As Traps*, Blake has made a home near San Francisco, California, where he continues gathering words and songs.

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FORMAT
CD SLEEVEPAC

TIME
45'27"

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SEP 02, 2008

TRACK LISTING
01 INVOCATION
02 DEAREST
03 STRANGENESS
04 GATHER
05 STOMPING OF BOOTS
06 LADY
07 GALLOP
08 I TOLD YA SO
09 HEAVIEST
10 PLEASE
11 YOUR STRUGGLE USING MY CHEST
12 STRANGER STRUGGLE
13 LEAVE OUR HEARTS

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