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## Siouxsie and the Banshees:

**Once Upon a Time  
Twice Upon a Time**

It's impossible to pick one good album by this band. So if you don't own anything by them then nip out now and buy both compilations *Once Upon a Time* and *Twice Upon a Time*. Buying striped leggings, copious amounts of eyeliner and hanging out down Camden High St is optional. Siouxsie's musical influence is still felt today; celeb fans include members of Scissor Sisters, Radiohead, Arcade Fire and that bird out of Garbage. And you can bet your last bottle of black nail varnish that every member of every Emo band across the globe has at least one Banshees LP. Even Siouxsie's contemporaries, Robert Smith and Morrissey were adoring fans.

Each track on these collections deserves a mention but if you're only going to download five songs make sure you get: *Peek-a-Boo*, *Christine*, *Cities in Dust*, *Hong Kong Garden* and *Dear Prudence* which is perhaps the only Beatles song ever successfully stolen by a covering band and claimed for themselves. Siouxsie returns later this year with her first new LP in years. Better swap those white Hoxton winklepickers for pointy black ones. Goth is coming back.



## Tommy Turntables reviews this month's hits & misses

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### Lightspeed Champion Galaxy of the Lost Single

What happens when you take the poetic balladry of Badly Drawn Boy, speed it up and combine it with the sarcastic tongue of Jarvis Cocker? You get Lightspeed Champion and the quirky indie 'feel bad' hit of the summer.

Released 30 July



### Tokio Hotel Ready, Set, Go! Single

If you are yearning for the loss of the nu-metal scene or the infrequency of Placebo singles leaves you empty, then never fear, Tokio Hotel are here. Without its hint of 80s, nostalgia this track would fall straight into the god-awful category of 'boy band rock', but something in that guitar riff screams rock-celebration more than rock-pastiche. The teen-angst is ladled on a little thickly for my liking but then again I am not, despite rumours to the contrary, a teenager. Currently bigging it up in Europe expect them to be blasting out of Emo bedrooms across the UK soon.

Download release 13 August  
CD release 20 August



### Twisted Charm Real Fictional LP

You might of caught these guys at Rockstarz not so long ago, if so lucky you because they'll likely not be doing intimate gigs again for a while. A lazier reviewer than I would draw comparisons between Twisted Charm and the Klaxons but that is to belittle their obvious passion, knowledge and full gambit of their indie influences. Sure *Clone Baby* would sit nicely on a future (inevitable) new rave compilation but these guys scratch deeper into musical history than just that.

The new wave undertones of *Never Grow Older* cannot be overlooked and *Socialite* wouldn't have been out of place on Blur's *Parklife*. *London Scene* manages to combine Goth undertones with Ska overtones to great effect. Combine all these influences with a witty social commentary that Mozza would be proud of and you've got one of the greatest debut LPs of 2007.

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