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Vision No. 19.



Those disheartened by Eighteen Visions' tumultuous breakup in early 2007 can finally rejoice. Two empty years may have passed, but singer James Hart

has been hard at work on his new band's debut, a raucous collection of arena-ready rock songs that eschew all of 18V's screamo predilections. The music on *Burn Halo* may occasionally lack originality and intermittently struggle on the slower ballads, but it's testosterone-fueled radio rock like Avenged Sevenfold (whose guitarist Synyster Gates guests on two tracks here). These songs are

way more Mötley Crüe than Nickelback: The first single, "Dirty Little Girl," is dynamic and attractive, chock full of gritty guitar riffs and throbbing drums—and it doesn't leave *you* feeling dirty for listening to it. (RAWKHEAD; myspace.com/burnhalo) *Emily Zemler*