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ROCK: When Eighteen Visions announced their disbanding on the heels of their first major studio release, it was a blow to the hearts of fans. In the wake of the breakup, James Hart revealed he was starting his own band, Burn Halo, giving hope to those wanting more from the singer. Burn Halo is in no way Eighteen Visions, however. The sound is radio friendly rock, but is still driven by the vocals and lyrics of Hart. Don't let the radio rock description fool you, this self-titled debut doesn't just rock a little, this disc is loaded with sing-along anthems that will get stuck in your head for days. The studio band features Jane's Addiction bassist Chris Chaney and Nickelback drummer Dan Adair, as well as longtime friend, Avenged Sevenfold's guitarist Synyster Gates on "Dirty Little Girl" and "Anejo." Burn Halo showcases a new set of abilities from Hart—a softer side on "Falling Faster" as well as how his vocals can command an entire song on "Dirty Little Girl" and "Dead End Roads and Lost Highways." This might have been the direction Eighteen Visions headed in a few more records, so for fans, it could be the closest thing you'll get outside of a reunion. Burn Halo rocks, and for followers of James Hart, this is a must have record that will spend more time spinning in your player than sitting on the shelf. ~ Jeremy Adam

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