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NEW POLITICS

Vikings DCD2/WARNER BROS.

TOP TRACK: "West End Kids"



Danish trio *New Politics* have made the alt-pop dance album of the summer. Throwing in major sugary pop highlights throughout the record, the band's junior release is an ode to young love. "West End Kids," "50 Feet Tall" and "Strings Attached" are full of

punky, upbeat vibes, not straying far from the group's previous album, *A Bad Girl In Harlem*. While the album as a whole leans more toward a boy-band record for adults, "15 Dreams," "Pretend We're In A Movie" and "Girl Crush" are pop songs with a punch. "Loyalties Among Thieves" rounds the record out with heavy drums accompanied by thick vocals. "Stardust," a Queen-esque number about heartbreak, stands out as *Vikings'* most diverse song with a piano intro and balladic vocals. For those searching for a dance record to the tune of strong guitars and bubblegum vocals, look no further. —*Bridget Mendyuk*