

# DRUM!



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### **THE THIEVES**

#### ***THE WHITE LINE EP***

#### **LIQUOR AND POKER**

**MUSIC:** Now, what a darling bunch of strapping young lads (not to be confused with the band Strapping Young Lad). This trio of ladykillers formed in 1999 in their merry old hometown of Oxford. After building up a following in Southern England with their crunchy rock that's lodged somewhere between Oasis (and even though guitarist Hal and bassist Sam are brothers, they probably don't fight like those Gallagher pinheads) and AC/DC's barroom swagger. It's catchy enough to lodge in your cranium, and the choruses are ballsy enough to do some serious fist pumping.

**DRUMMING:** Jamie Dawson slaps beats down like a Phil-Rudd fan should on "Tales From The White Line" and "You Get It Easy." I'd say your girlfriend would love to dance to his solid grooves and tambourine (can't go wrong with a tambourine), but he's probably already got her number.

**VERDICT:** It's just an EP, but this could drop *huge*.