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Lush, **Blind Spot** - ***

Back in the Eighties, when Lush's first recordings appeared, it was still unusual for a band to feature more than a lone female presence, so they were trailblazers of a sort - if "trailblazing" is an apt term to apply to their shoegazing style. Oddly, their ingenuie charm works more effectively in this mature reunion mode than in the gamine original: "Out Of Control" is a natural extension of that style, with Miki Berenyi's murmurous vocals and Emma Anderson's droning guitars creating rolling dream-pop waves, and "Lost Boy" showcasing their trademark chorus-effect guitar jangle. Romance remains their core theme, although "Rosebud" strikes out for the harsher terrain of thoughtless cruelty: "They're just having some fun/How is it wrong, if you're wearing a smile?". A welcome return.

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