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The Drift ★★★★★

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Former pop star returns with eccentric gem—and he's 63!

Though he only makes an album about every ten years, this '60s crooner's melodramatic voice, odd topics, and bizarre song structures have influenced everyone from David Bowie to Sting to Radiohead. More avant-opera than pop, *The Drift* is an intimidating slab of off-kilter guitar wheedles, weird percussion, thudding synths, and *that voice*: soaring, roaring, always luring you into his utterly singular world.

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"Jesse"