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## REVIEW: THE BLACK KEYS – *BROTHERS*

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I came across this band when a friend of mine put their single “Tighten up” up on Facebook. Intrigued as I was by his comment ‘Buddy Holly and Ron Weasley with a beard make some good music. Who'd'a thunk it’, I decided to give it a listen and was very pleasantly surprised. It’s a very catchy song; heavy on the drums, great guitar licks and with slightly distorted vocals, it immediately reeled me in. So I decided to get the entire album. Now it’s always possible that a band has a great single, like “Tighten up”, and the rest of the album sounds very different. The Black Keys’ album suffers from this a bit; while the majority of the songs is equally catchy with major blues influences, there are a few songs that are too repetitive to be completely enjoyable. However, the good songs outrank the boring ones big time. It’s a great album, very blues rock-y – perfect if you love howling guitars – and very catchy. It’s not terribly loud, it’s more subtle and laid-back music with good but, it has to be said, repetitive lyrics. Not repetitive on Snow Patrol-level but it can lead to minor irritation. But I’d still recommend this band to all music fanatics. I’ve caught myself tapping my feet and fingers quite a few times already. Great album, great band, great songs. 4/5.



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♥Dearest Elisabeth, the dearest creature in creation, who once studied English pronunciation. I have but one wish, a great day, and a lovely fish.♥