



Affairs Of The Heart

# John Vanderslice

## *Emerald City*

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### Track Listing:

1. Kookaburra
2. Time To Go
3. The Parade
4. White Dove
5. Tablespoon Of Codeine
6. The Tower
7. The Minaret
8. Numbered Lithograph
9. Central Booking

### Bonus Tracks:

10. The Hospital
11. Mother Of All Dead Time Factories

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"The lovely yet horrific "The Minaret" is the ultimate antiwar song for today." – SPIN August 2007

"Intriguing" – Billboard August 4, 2007

"A master storyteller" – Paste August 2007

**John Vanderslice** wrote the bulk of his new album while knee-deep in legal limbo after a visa application for his girlfriend, a French national he met in Paris, was rejected by US Immigration.

The songs and themes in *Emerald City* are fueled by an era of deep insecurity and paranoia; they develop in front of a backdrop of ritualized and mythologized current events. Lyrically, JV's characters and storytellers track Manifest Destiny from burning wagon wheels to two-bedroom homes with full amenities in Bakersfield, California.

Along that rough road, there are bewildered commemorations, peace-lovers and revenge-lusters, psychotic reactions to unnamed episodes, and the grief-stricken and the vengeance-hungry wrapped up in the same skin. Weaving throughout the entire album is the ever present danger of opposition. But at its simplest, and captured with straight autobiography in album closer "Central Booking", *Emerald City* is made up of JV's love songs – confused and angry, afraid and defeated. The lovestory has taken a lucky turn by now. The couple got married and since live together in San Francisco.

*Emerald City* was tracked quickly, and mostly live at Tiny Telephone in San Francisco. The album was performed by **David Broecker**, **Dave Douglas**, **Ian Bjornstad**, **Scott Solter**, and JV. The record's title refers to the Green Zone in Baghdad. As opposed to the American version, the Euro pressing features 2 Bonus Tracks "The Hospital" and "Mother Of All Dead Time Factories".