



Here Comes The Bride
Artist: Spin Doctors
Released: June 1999
Score: ★★★★★

Giving new Doctors' CD a spin might make you sick

By Sara Jarrett
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The success of songs "Little Miss Can't Be Wrong" and "Two Princes" put the Spin Doctors' album "Pocket Full of Kryptonite" on the flash-in-the-pan shelf in 1991, and they haven't left that spot since. Not even close.

The New York City group should have stopped after two subsequent attempts at fame flopped. Both albums "Turn It Upside Down," released in 1994, and "You've Got to Believe in Something," released in 1996, "were almost ignored by the pub-

lic," according to Rolling Stone magazine.

Now, nine years after their two hit songs were on the lips of every teenager in America, the Spin Doctors are back for another try. However, the only thing they've hit with their latest album, "Here Comes the Bride," is a brick wall.

Released on Das/Universal, this new offering is painfully reminiscent of a handful of recent chart-topping bands. Don't the Spin Doctors have a sound of their own?

The song titled "Wow" suggests a watered-down version of Sub-

lime without the fanfare. The Spin Doctors could be gravitating toward the popular brass ska sound, but one can't be sure. It seems like they are willing to try anything to lure an audience at this point.

"Here Comes the Bride" has tracks that run the full gamut of musical categories from the soft metal sounds of "Waiting for the Blow" and "Dodging Assassins," to the Christian rock vocals of "Key to the Kingdom." Versatility is good, but only when a band's talent can justify the undertaking. The Spin Doctors' efforts to go out

on this limb seems minimal at best. Most of the tracks have promising beginnings but inevitably result in disappointment.

In fact, none have catchy enough tunes or outstanding lyrics to be hit singles. The song titled "Diamond" comes the closest, but, like all the other songs on this album, inconsistency remains its downfall. An appealing chorus can't make up for lame verses, and the song is quickly forgotten.

The group does get votes for

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 1). The spotlight is on you this year. Money could come in, a legacy, perhaps, or it could be information that leads to greater success. Either way, you'll have a hard time hiding. You have to go public in July. In August, there's friction between saving and spending. You want to do both simultaneously. You might find a way, too. In September and October, a change in your domestic environment is likely, either a move or a renovation. In December, there's plenty of work and a couple surprises. In February, you'll get more attention again, and possibly another prize. May is a good time to settle into a relationship that will last a lifetime.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — You're an analytical person, but today, it's emotions that might win. Your intuition may need practice to become perfect, so pay attention to what's going on around you. Here's a clue: The people doing the most talking are probably having the least effect. The ones with the most power are probably keeping quiet.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — It's important to express your point of view, but sometimes it can get you into trouble. Why not ask for advice? A sibling or close friend has gone through a similar situation and would be a good person to consult. Remember to support the overall goal instead of just resisting the authority of one pushy person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — The Moon is in Aquarius, which is generally good because it broadens your perspective. It helps you see the big picture. Today, that point of view could bring more money your way. The combination of a higher education and a partnership could lead to an increased income.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — You're in the spotlight. People ask for advice about how to spend their money. You can give them what they need — and get what you need, too. What you know is valuable. Don't give it all away for free.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — There are chores to finish, and some of them are weighing heavily on your mind. The solution to this problem could lie beyond your expertise, so it's OK to ask someone for help. There isn't any reason for you to do it all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — Is there a job you need done that a friend could handle? Go ahead and delegate. You'll have to manage the operation, of course, just to make sure everything goes on schedule. Your friend may be creative, but it's best if the organizational details are left up to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 7 — Today, you've got an advantage in your career. Act on it quickly. This window of opportunity won't stay open forever. In fact, it won't stay open much later than tomorrow. You may have a little slack, but there's no point in using it. The prize today could go to the one who's first in line, so don't procrastinate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — Today, sending money far away could generate more money. If you invest in something special, a correspondence course or books ordered through the mail, you could understand a different aspect of your job and be more productive. Being more productive and efficient would bring in more money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Today's conditions push you to learn about finances. This is not your favorite subject. You'd rather be talking or thinking about a motorcycle trip across Africa, or some similar adventure, but if you're ever going to do that, you'll have to save up some money. Today, you might find a way to make that happen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — A partnership or legal matter could require a lot of time, attention and money today. If it's a debt you owe, you'll have to pay it. If it's services you're contracting to buy, hopefully you've already shopped around. It doesn't look like there's much time left for that.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — It's a good day for you to take care of other people. You like to solve big problems and make the world a safer place for everyone, but this isn't quite the same thing. This time, you need to take care of individuals, possibly one individual in particular.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Today, you may feel compelled to act in a romantic matter. You've been thinking about it for some time. You've probably got all the pros and cons worked out, but you may still hesitate to act. Well, guess what? Forces beyond your control are pushing you to act. Might as well relax and enjoy it.



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