

LYCIA COLD

Here at Silber we've been fans of Lycia since around 1992. In fact, we started Silber always hoping to put out Lycia records & now we're re-releasing the five Lycia studio albums re-mastered by Lycia frontman Mike VanPortfleet. The darkwave classic *Cold* is our third installment.

Cold is probably Lycia's most fully realized & popular release. Alternative Press even recognized it as one of the top ten Goth related albums of all time. It marked the best integration of the skills of Lycia as the trio of David Galas, Tara Vanflower, & Mike VanPortfleet gelled together after a road tour & moving into the same household.

The inspiration to both the lyrics & overall sound of *Cold* was the band's move from Phoenix, Arizona to northern Ohio. The change from the desert to a snow covered landscape resulted in a sound that was more frigid, sparse, & crystalline than previous releases. A return to their soundscape roots after the more song oriented *The Burning Circle And Then Dust*.

Despite being one of Lycia's more atmospheric works, *Cold* became a big hit amongst the black metal & space rock crowds expanding their fan base greatly. On the *Cold* tour, one would typically see as many fans in Hawkwind & Motorhead t-shirts as Sisters of Mercy t-shirts; forty-year-old rockers standing next to teenaged Goths.



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