

# ! P R A H S

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*Hello, dear friend!*

*It looks like spring has finally come. After all the struggles with the weather we can enjoy the warmth of April sunlight and notice a silver lining every cloud has. Some days can be cruelly cold to us, but it makes warm days more precious. So if you need a weapon to fight sadness and melancholy, then armor yourself with good relaxing music, stay with positive-thinking and kind people, who take care of you, and do not forget to make plans. I am so ashamed that I discovered Brahms' symphony no.3 just a few days ago, but I'm also very happy to uncover it. I suppose, if you are tired of the music of this century, you should go back to the beginning and find your symphony which is hidden inside you. Am I still talking about music?..*

*Kind regards,*

*- Your Shrap!*

## **I WAS ONLY PULLING YOUR LEG**

*Just look at this. How many jokers are there with pranks they prepared in advance. But none of them are as cool as the BBC, who definitely know about Lirpa S. Loof☺*

### **The Swiss Spaghetti Harvest**

The respected BBC news show Panorama ran a segment revealing that thanks to a very mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. It accompanied this announcement with footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Huge numbers of viewers were taken in. Many called the BBC wanting to know how they could grow their own spaghetti tree. To this the BBC diplomatically replied that they should "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best."

### **Flying Penguins**

The BBC announced that camera crews filming near the Antarctic for its natural history series Miracles of Evolution had captured footage of Adélie penguins taking to the air. It offered a video clip of these flying penguins, which became one of the most viewed videos on the internet. Presenter Terry Jones explained that, instead of huddling together to endure the Antarctic winter, these penguins took to the air and flew thousands of miles to the rainforests of South America where they "spend the winter basking in the tropical sun." A follow-up video explained how the BBC created the special effects of the flying penguins.



## Japanese

### Why on earth, Japan?!

Are you spending time watching Japanese advertisements? Are you trying to figure out what is going on and why? You are trapped here, because the next step is sinking in culture. This puzzle has to be solved.

### Imposiburu!

It's worth taking into account the admirable amount of discipline and persistence that comes with learning such a different language. There are a lot of people who would give up at the first sign of trouble. But you aren't the kind of person who gives up that easily, are you?

### Think differently

Sometimes certain things are just expressed better when they're not in English. You'll find there are words in Japanese with a totally different flavor than their English counterparts—if there *is* a counterpart at all.



## Italian

### The cradle of Western civilization

Study art history in the land that inspired Michelangelo. Read La Divina Commedia in the words of Dante. Walk the streets where Archimedes ran naked shouting Eureka!

### P-A-S-T-A

Italy is the culinary leader of the world and the increased popularity of the language reflects the growing obsession with Italian food.

Moreover, Italian is the language with the highest number of words for naming food, restaurants, dishes and produce!

### Non-verbal communication

It is important to all of us, but we don't actively, consciously use our body to communicate anything as much as Italians do. The Italian language possesses a veritable dictionary of the unspoken. This is a truly fascinating and novel aspect.



## Midas Fall

Evaporate

**Genre:** post-rock, progressive, alternative

**Length:** 10 Songs | 43:25

With unique and genuine sound, MIDAS FALL have created an album of truly beautiful scope. Sorrowful, primal, taking on the best inflections of folk and post-alt sounds and yet the heart of ambient electronica, Masterfully crafted, each song is a special moment filled with emotion and connection that you'll be hard pressed to forget. Accompanied by such gorgeous vocals, all that's created is a sound of honesty and true emotion.



## Primary, Anda

Do worry Be happy

**Genre:** electronica

**Length:** 4 Songs | 16:08

Do worry Be happy is a quick and short album that's drenched in 80's vibes, and it perfectly captures what it's aiming for. Anda's voice and Primary's production seem like a match made in retro heaven. If you're a fan of 80's-style synth jams, you'd better give this album a listen.



## The Caretaker

Everywhere at the end of time - Stage 4

**Genre:** ambient, experimental

**Length:** 4 songs | 1:27:17

The fourth installment of six-part series is the most visceral album yet, an ambient look at the degradation of music and memory. One of our natural responses to things like that has always been to turn them into art, but there's always a risk of pale romanticization. Stage 4 becomes much more empathetic because it offers no such romance as the Caretaker closes in on the end—only confusion, terror, and tragedy.





## GAME BOX

Let's check out your vocabulary and play a game. First, an anagram is a word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of a different word or phrase. For example, **converse** could be transformed into **conservs**, **backrest** to **brackets**. So, I'll give you some anagrams, your task is to solve it. Don't worry, I made it easier and added some hints. Have fun! :3

### Level 1

FORMER	EIGHTH	ASTUTE	REMARK
			

### Level 2

WALLOWS	TRIBUNE	DENSITY	RECITAL
			

### Level 3

CREDITOR	INSISTED	GENERATE	ROYALIST
			

Congrats!

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