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### **Paul Heslin and Derek Piotr - Piotr-Heslin**

This is a stunning collaborative effort between Poland-born US-based sound artist Derek Piotr, and my great friend and another amazing collaborator [Paul Heslin](#).



*image by derek piotr*

[Piotr-Heslin](#) is seven tracks of surprisingly tender music underpinned by a scaffolding of grinding, surging glitch. Beats stutter into life at odd moments, waves of harsh noise wash across the tracks, but mostly what sticks out for me is how melodic and tuneful this record is. Derek and Paul sing on this record, and it's quite beautiful. Granted, the vocals are digitally treated in every way possible, but still, these songs aren't just cleverly produced soundscapes - they're songs, and they stick in my head, and they make me feel all kinds of feelings.

The headfuck for me with this record is that Paul and Derek have [never actually met in person](#) - somehow they've managed to create this really intimate and personal experience without ever being in the same room. Fair enough that's the world we live in in 2013, but seriously, listen to this record; it is an extraordinary achievement.