



JON AUER

Songs From The Year Of Our
Demise

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**Folk/pop solo turn from
Posies and Big Star mainstay**

Considering the breadth of pop nuggets he's penned for The Posies and Big Star, it's surprising that this disc represents Jon Auer's solo debut full-length. It's a fine showing, though - essentially a stripped-down, one-man-band record, with brittle, beguiling melodies reminiscent of The Zombies' enlightened melancholy. A jaunty ditty about digging your own grave, "Six Feet Under", is startling (and liberating), a brilliant inversion of pop routine. Fortunately, the swirling, would-be hit single, "Sundown", honing in on the transcendence of faith, counterbalances the album's downcast existentialism.

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