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The NonRefundables are one of those bands that will make one hell of a first impression when listening to their material. A majority of the time, that first impression is positive. This local-group has put together a solid fifteen tracks that make up their latest record, "Nothing to Be Done."

Each track is unique and fresh, which makes a full listen something you can do over and over again. There are elements of rockabilly, alternative rock, and a splash of just about any other type of genre fused together to make a Primus-like vibe. Overall, it's an impressive outing for the Wilkes-Barre group.

The record starts off with a top-tapping riff on "Moving Mountains." This song perks your ears with quick drum riffs, quick guitars, and tongue-in-cheek lyrics. The NonRefundables set the tone of what to expect with this opener. Clocking in at just under two minutes, these short, yet powerful tunes are peppered throughout the album.

After a few tunes that are more on the serious side, which TNR do well, the standout track of the record comes in "Traveling Music." It is a dynamic track that brings together everything this band is about: meaningful lyrics, brilliant guitar work, and fusing together countless songwriting techniques to create something unique to them.

The following track, "Who I'm Supposed to Be," has a very mellow '70s sound to it. The tune displays, once again, the band's many influences, and they have been able to make them all work together.

The album ends with the longest, and maybe the deepest, song on the record, "Sweet Honesty." It is refreshing to hear an album like this come out of one of our own. In a local scene that has seen its better days, TNR – made up of Brandon McCabe, Chris Pasquini, Frank Pasquini and Pete Kizis – has found a way to release another great record, proving they are here to stay. It will be interesting to see where "Nothing to be Done" will take the group. Their uniquely defined sound can take them in many different directions, and this album should open up many doors for these local boys.

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'Nothing to Be Done'
Rating: **W W W W**