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The city of Marseille is France's cultural melting pot, with large and long-established immigrant communities from across the world. It's also home to the Watcha Clan, the multinational five-piece whose debut album truly reflects the city's diversity. With songs in six different languages, including Spanish, French and Arabic, *Diaspora Hi-Fi* blends traditional north-African sounds with gypsy folk, reggae and a whole host of electronic and dub influences to create something truly unique. This is nu-world music at its most diverse, and even though some of the more electronic experiments don't quite work out, the ones that do – like the gorgeous, laid-back *La Patera*, which recalls Manu Chao at his melodic best – work very well indeed.

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