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## DEAD CHILD

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Most headbangers have probably never heard—or even heard of—the bands that members of Dead Child used to be in. Among the five guys in the Louisville band are ex-members of Slint, Zwan, Stereolab, and Papa M, none of which would have made a patch on any rocker's denim jacket. Still, there's no denying that Dead Child know their metal, from Maiden to Overkill.

Guitarists David Pajo and Michael McMahan play more sludgy than flashy, and songs such as "Twitch of the Death Nerve" and "The Coldest Hands" lurch along with dropped-tuned riffs behind singer Dahm's wailing vocals. "Sweet Chariot" is classic '80s thrash (think Nuclear Assault) and the twin guitars on the slow intro to "Armies Up Ahead" will cause *Ride the Lightning* flashbacks.