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GOOGLE IS THEIR BRAIN

L.A. indie-pop duo Not A Bus releases whimsical love song to the internet giant

LOS ANGELES, October 2012 – Indie-pop duo Not A Bus has released *Google Is My Brain*, a tongue-in-cheek musical tribute to the Mountain View, CA technology company. The upbeat two-minute composition is a personal tale of self-reflection, with literary and pop-culture references. It includes a playful nod to Google's *Android* operating system, via Philip K. Dick's 1968 novel *Do Android's Dream of Electric Sheep?*.

Nights I count electric sheep Can't remember what we did last week I keep all my hopes and dreams In a cloud that never rains

Not A Bus is a collaboration between Los Angeles-based songwriters David Palmer and Barry Keenan. Known for their richly-layered sound and off-beat lyrics, their songs explore the complex challenges and emotions of everyday life, juxtaposing personal vulnerability with absurd humor. *Google Is My Brain* was inspired by Google co-founder Sergey Brin's statement that "we want to make Google the third half of your brain." The duo feels that they've moved beyond that point. "Google is all three halves of our brain," says Palmer, "without it we can barely think."

In a section reminiscent of Pink Floyd's *The Wall*, Palmer and Keenan, backed by a chorus of children, sing "Here comes the googlebot", referring to a piece of software Google uses to build its searchable index, or as they describe it, "a small animal that roams the internet, feeding on links." The verse ends in a couplet that captures the seductiveness and anxiety of living in an increasingly connected world:

You're so beautiful We know all about you

Barry Keenan is the founder of the Los Angeles indie rock band Invisible Poet Kings. His second solo album, *Contrary to Popular Belief*, was released in June on the East of Sideways label. David Palmer is a multimedia artist whose paintings were recently featured in a solo exhibition at William Turner Gallery in Santa Monica, CA. He also helped create the 3-headed dog in the first *Harry Potter* movie.

To hear Google Is My Brain and other songs by Not A Bus, visit the duo's website: www.notabus.com

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