

PiecesOfUsWere LeftOnTheGround, by JoyCut

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On the mostly instrumental *Pieces*, JoyCut takes the sonic hallmarks of the 1980s New Wave era—from shimmering, echo-plastered guitars and propulsive picked bass to dysmorphic synthesizer pads—and reconfigures them in thrilling fashion. “Save”

is a peak moment; its riffing spy-thriller guitar recalls Joy Division, while the pile-driver beat sounds like it was forged somewhere between a Manchester dance club and an abandoned steel mill. As for the stark title cut, it gallops along like a lost snippet from the *Blade Runner* soundtrack:

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