

These holiday tunes bring new sounds to the season

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Blood Oranges in the Snow, Over the Rhine.

Should Merle Haggard's *If We Make It Through December* define the spirit of your season, then this Ohio duo's album will get you in the mood. Haggard's bleak vignette is the only cover on this stark and wintry album, filled with graceful songs about family traditions, visiting a father's gravesite and spending an intimate New Year's Eve at home.



The musical duo Over the Rhine (Linford Detweiler, left, and Karin Bergquist), has released a holiday album entitled "Blood Oranges in the Snow." (Photo: Dave King)