

Weezer – Hurley (Deluxe Edition) (2010)

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1. *Memories* 3:16 2. *Ruling Me* 3:29 3. *Trainwrecks* 3:21 4. *Unspoken* 3:00 5. *Where's My Sex?* 3:28 6. *Run Away* 2:55 [play](#) 7. *Hang On* 3:33 8. *Smart Girls* 3:10 [play](#) 9. *Brave New World* 3:56 10. *Time Flies* 4:04 11. *All My Friends Are Insects* 1:53 12. *Viva La Vida* 4:06 13. *I Want To Be Something* 2:56 14. *Represent (Rocked Out Mix)* 4:12

Arranged By [String Arrangements], Conductor [Strings] – Allegra Young, Tyler Fitzmaurice
Backing Vocals [Additional Backing Vocals] – Dan Wilson Backing Vocals [Gang Vocals] – April Margera, Chris Pontius, Dave England, Ehren McGhehey, Johnny Knoxville, Preston Lacy, Ryan Dunn, Steve-O, Wee-Man Band [Weezer Is] – Brian Bell, Patrick Wilson, Rivers Cuomo, Scott Shriner Bass [Octa Bass] – Travis Harrison Cello – Cecilia Huerta, Devin Franco, Gabrielle Hamann-Guennette Flute – Greg Vail Guitar [Additional Guitar] – Chris Pontius, Jimmy Harry Guitar, Bass – Ryan Adams Hurdy Gurdy – Tony Berg Keyboards – Blake Mills Orchestrated By – Alex Greenwald Orchestrated By [Strings] – Florian Krentz, Simon Gamache Percussion – Avram Sills Viola – Brian Sherwood, Carrie Campbell, Cat Gray, John Batchelder, Kayleigh 'Kmizzle' Miller, Kellen McDaniel Violin – Allegra Young, Emily Botel, Jeremy Van Sylke, Maria Van Der Sloot, Yoon-Kyung 'YK' Shin

Leaping from the majors to the indies, Weezer misses not a beat, choosing to continue the co-writing craze Rivers Cuomo kicked off on 2009's *Raditude*. *Hurley* -- named after Jorge Garcia's beloved *Lost* character for no particular reason, but anybody with three eponymous albums in an eight-LP career doesn't care much for titles in the first place -- is marginally louder and rougher than the clean sheen of *Raditude*, but not enough to fool anybody into thinking this is a punk rebirth. For Cuomo, independence means he can follow whatever notion seizes his fancy, and in this case he's capitalizing on collaborations, penning eight of *Hurley*'s ten songs (the album runs four longer on a Deluxe Edition that includes a strong cover of Coldplay's "Viva la Vida") with a roster so diverse it borders on the nonsensical.

Rivers is open to writing with anybody: he'll construct slick modern pop with professional songsmiths Desmond Child and Linda Perry; sharpen up his power pop with the assistance of fellow former college rockers Dan Wilson and Ryan Adams, whose respective "Ruling Me" and "Run Away" are among the album's highlights; and craft his sweetest, smartest tunes with No Doubt's Tony Kanal (the crisp "Smart Girls") and Rick Nowels, who co-wrote the classic "You Get What You Give" with Gregg Alexander and collaborates on "Hang On" here -- then, of all

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people, Cuomo gets old pro Mac Davis to work on the closer, "Time Flies." Nothing on paper ties all these writers together but Rivers is the common denominator, so there's a consistency of sound -- his co-writers amplify quirks and help him hone his craft, turning the songs tight and efficient. Sometimes, the quirks become overwhelming -- the one-note joke "Where's My Sex?" wears out its welcome by the second verse -- but usually the melodies and riffs are clean, simple, and powerful, hooking immediately and sticking around for a while. Again, Cuomo doesn't suppress his emotion; he just prefers sentiment (albeit delivered somewhat ironically as on lead single "Memories"), but what he loves most of all is a pure pop song and Hurley offers up its fair share. ---Stephen Thomas Erlewine, allmusic.com

The album's cover is simply a picture of Chilean-American actor Jorge Garcia, who portrayed Hugo "Hurley" Reyes on the television series *Lost* from 2004 to 2010. The photo itself is a small cropping of an original picture of Cuomo being embraced by Garcia.

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