



## **DBsock (Mingwei Gao)**

Release artwork (*Maillard Reaction*)

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SOUNDCLOUD PREVIEW:

<https://on.soundcloud.com/CyKNE65TEmEnXhAsMI>

VISUALIZER PREMIERE:

[https://youtu.be/Y7\\_eY7zs0hI?si=tXvnm9ycnNy5Luhh](https://youtu.be/Y7_eY7zs0hI?si=tXvnm9ycnNy5Luhh)

## Overview

“Maillard Reaction” is a bilingual (half English, half Chinese) Alternative R&B single produced by Khem L, and written and performed by DBsock (Mingwei Gao). Built on live guitar, bass, and violin, it tells a painful love story - a slow emotional burn where warmth turns toxic. The track captures the chemistry between devotion and destruction, echoing the soulful yet conflicted world of SiR, Giveon, Avara, and BLK ODYSSEY.

## Artistic Context

From her early singles Swing and Masking to the introspective EP The Journey, DBsock has consistently blurred the line between conceptual soundscapes and vulnerable confessions. With Maillard Reaction, she turns the lens inward - confronting love not as a cliché, but as a form of self-dissection. It’s her first direct dialogue with romance, filtered through both languages and worlds, where emotional warmth meets decay, and devotion becomes both sanctuary and sacrifice.

## Artist Quote

“With Maillard Reaction, I’m shedding layers - not just of sound, but of myself. This is my first leap into love’s fragile truth.”

## Impact

Since Maillard Reaction (美拉德反应) went live on NetEase Music on October 6th, this single has now reached **4.6k+ weekly streams, and 100k+ overall streams.**

data in last 7 days  
近7日演唱作品数据

Song title 歌曲标题	Streams 播放	Saves 收藏	Comments 评论
▲ 美拉德反应 (Mail...	46538	451	61

粉丝播放占比  
-%

开播次数  
62173次



# ARTIST BIOGRAPHY



## Short Form (100 words)

**DBsock (Mingwei Gao)** is a Shenzhen-and LA-based Art Pop and Alternative R&B artist, producer, and illustrator. Drawing from influences like FKA twigs, Bjork, 070 Shake, and 福禄寿(FloruitShow), she creates music that is both cinematic and vulnerable. With a background in psychology and life on the autism spectrum, DBsock approaches songwriting as therapy - where every sound and silence is intentional. Her dual personas - ethereal feminine outsider and grounded gender-neutral self - inform her sonic identity. Critics describe her work as “emotionally gripping” (Cage Riot) and “a surreal insight into her musical path” (ViViPlay).

## Full Version

**DBsock (Mingwei Gao)** is a Shenzhen - and LA - based Art Pop and Alternative R&B artist, producer, and illustrator. Her music fuses surreal sound design with intimate storytelling, blending influences from FKA twigs, Bjork, 070 Shake, and Chinese trio 福禄寿(FloruitShow).

Originally pursuing Psychology in the United States, DBsock later turned to music production to transform her personal struggles into art. On the autism spectrum, she approaches songwriting as both therapy and exploration - where every detail of sound, breath, and silence carries intention.

Her artistic vision embodies two distinct personas:

- The divine feminine outsider, ethereal and mystic, echoing her avant-pop influences.



- The grounded, gender - neutral self, raw and authentic, drawing from hip-hop and alternative R&B.

As the sole producer of nearly all her work, dbsock channels obsessive precision into vocal layers, song design, and lyrical honesty. Critics have described her music as “cinematic and emotionally gripping” (Cage Riot) and “melancholic yet hopeful”.

For DBsock, music is not just expression - it is survival.

“ I make music to harbor my pain, to channel my pain, and to grow out of my pain. ”

## PRESS & CREDITS:

- “The Journey by DBsock... is not just a collection of songs but an immersive, conceptual experience.” - Cage Riot

- “Blending R&B with art pop, The Journey is the debut EP from York Calling discovery DBsock... Thematically, the EP speaks of self-struggle, neurodivergence, and multicultural awareness through surreal introspection.” - York Calling

- “A vibrant display of her artistic style... a surreal insight into her musical path” - ViViPlay

- “Soulful and emotionally gripping.” - Urban Juice

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**100k streams on NetEase Music**