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You Really Got Me - The Story Of The Kinks + U2 - Let Them Be (MVD DVDs)

Picture: C/C+/C+ Sound: C/C+/C+
Extras: D/C/C- Documentaries: C+/C+/C

So many bands followed in the wake of The Beatles and so many aspired to be as successful. Two of them had their moments. The Kinks had a great run following the band and U2 is one of the few Rock Bands left with any such success as the genre has dwindled. Music Video Distributors has issued a rough documentary on The Kinks and repackaged two other releases on U2.

You Really Got Me - The Story Of The Kinks is a hodgepodge of old footage, rough footage and three music videos (*Come Dancing, State Of Confusion, Do It Again*) that try to tell the story, history and influence of the band and especially Ray Davies in action. Fans will like it maybe, but it is far from the best introduction or program on the band and though some interesting items turn up, I would not recommend it as strongly as I had hoped for.

The letterboxed 1.78 X 1 image is soft, rough, some footage is a few more generations down than it should be and even the Videos are cut at the top and bottom, though they likely should not be. The Dolby Digital 2.0 sound is barely stereo and often monophonic, with rough sound and you should be a bit careful of volume switching and playback levels.

U2 - Let Them Be: The Second Chapter has a faux imitation of The Beatles' cover for **Let It Be** with the original Fab Four replaced by these four. This repackages the following two DVDs issued a few years ago:

Achtung Baby - A Classic Album Under Review

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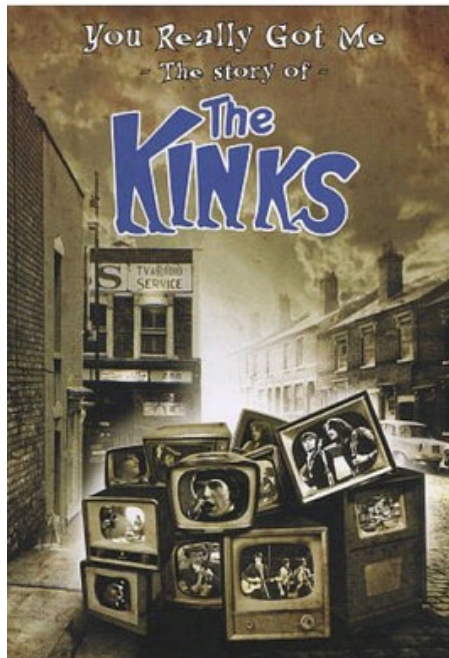
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The Kinks has no extras, but the U2 discs retain their few goodies. The U2 set is convenient for fans who may have missed out on the single releases, but I was only so impressed. For more on The Kinks, try these Super Audio CD (aka SA-CD) remasters of their classic albums at this link:

<http://www.fulvuedrive-in.com/review/1934/The+Kinks+SACD+Wave+One>

- Nicholas Sheffo



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