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## The Hangmen: East of Western

Publisher: **Acetate Records**

Here is another release by L.A. band **The Hangmen**, who recently showered us with joy and angst with their album/demo tracks compilation, *Lost Rocks*. **East of Western** features help from Ron Heathman of 90's band, The Supersuckers, with both guitar and vocals, respectively. Vocalist Bryan Small brings forth more of his Iggy Pop-esque style of lyrics, rhyming with the simplicity of up to 5 notes per track, and no relentless babble to leave you lost and clueless about the meaning of each song (except "Big Red Rooster" - I don't think I'm exactly sure what that's about....)



The work on **East of Western** is great and done with the sound only **The Hangmen** can deliver. Giving us the old style of punk with today's classic rock-inspired alternative, the songs are complete with the driving force of energy by Small's vocal and guitar talent, along with the same from Angelique Congleton's and guest musician Heathman. Dino Guerreo kills on the drums, banging his ever-loving heart out for the masses. "Had A Girl!" and "I'm Your Man" are typical sounds in the vein of **The Hangmen**; easily identifiable to any of the band's devout fanatics like myself. A couple of references to Bob Dylan in "Railroad Man" and (naturally) "Homesick Blues," show off Small's apparent influence by the poetic rock legend. "Haunted" is a four-minute lullaby; it puts you out in a good way and is probably my most favorite of the album's ten tracks.

I recommend **East of Western** to anyone familiar with **The Hangmen's** material, whether positive or negative. If you didn't like them before, you will after you hear their latest. If you did like them before, it'll be double your pleasure. True rock sounds are hard to come by in today's pop-obsessed world, and there's not much to educate a noob with the few bands in the media that know the steps. Get yourself a copy of **The Hangmen's** latest offering by Acetate Records, and hear the real deal.

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