



therapy?

a brief crack of light

(Blast)

Therapy? gleefully absorbs punk, metal, industrial and alt. rock, mishmashing it all together into a distinctive noise that defies easy classification. The Irish trio sticks to its heavier side here, as leader **Andy Cairns** affects a harsh vocal tone and bashes out power chords like he caught his guitar diddling his mother. Brutal cuts like “Why Turbulence?” and “Living in the Shadow of the Terrible Thing” indicate a dark cloud hovering over the band’s maniacal grin. But the trio’s humor reasserts itself on “Stark Raving Sane” and “Get Your Dead Hand Off My Shoulder,” and melody sneaks into “Plague Bell.” The odd “Marlow” and “Ecclesiastes” both resonate unlike anything the band has done before. *Light* isn’t the best place for newcomers to start, *Light* is a solid bet for fans. (www.theglobalmusicgroup.com)