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#### CHROME DREAMS

THE BIRTH OF SOUL JAZZ/various: Chrome Dreams has recently been putting out a series of jazz from the early 60s that delivers the goods but this soul jazz twofer just runs well ahead of this already august pack. Kicking off with the seminal riff from "Moanin'" and keeping an upward spiral from there, this is nothing but killer stuff throughout. Anybody younger than these sides probably never realized that Herbie Hancock's "Watermelon Man" was on the debut record of 22 year old Herbie Hancock. This was music by players that had a need to be heard and they deliver nothing but hot chops at every turn. This is stuff that you just can't stop once you get started, and as time has shown over 50 years on, it's totally timeless and essential. Get in here!

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