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Samhain Live 1984 Stardust Ballroom (DVD) Evilive/MVD www.musicvideodistributors.com

Samhain is the bastard son of Glenn Danzig and served as the interm between his tenure with the Misfits and the band that would be his namesake. Musically they are the logical step between as well. The video quality here absolutely sucks. It doesn't matter though because this is a tremendously important band in the history of punk/metal and if this is all we have then so be it.

There are a couple of striking things about this DVD. One is the fact that Glenn Danzig is so young. It's hard to imagine already being a veteran of a band that would become punk legends while you are this young. Samhain is also a lot darker than the Misfits and Danzig's metal tendencies are obvious in this show. You can definitely see where he's headed in retrospect. The other striking thing is that Samhain were a group of damn competent musicians. Their albums never impressed me a whole lot but this live show made me rethink that.

Overall this is a piece of history. The band rips through a number of Samhain and Misfits tunes and despite the bad quality it is totally worth the ride.

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