

Playlist

Reggae, the Ramones and Keane: Just What He Needed

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Bad Brains

This is from 1982. It's real raw. That band is probably the No. 1 punk band in the world. They probably influenced every punk band there is. There's not a lot of footage of them at all; they were hard to pin down. As the years went on H. R., the lead singer, got hard to deal with. He wouldn't do the hardcore stuff anymore, he started to get crazy, he wanted to stick with the reggae. But when he did do the hardcore stuff, there was no one who could even come close. There wasn't much you could see; even if you went on YouTube, you wouldn't see much. But "Bad Brains Live at CBGB 1982" (Music Video Distributors) is the real deal; it's really what the Bad Brains were like. This is a phenomenal thing to have out.