



## DVD QuickTakes

### The Farm: Back Together Now - Live



The Farm were just slightly more than a footnote within the British alternative music scene of the early '90s...but, to be fair, this is from the American perspective. On these shores, the video for "All Together Now" got a lot of MTV play, but "Groovy Train" was mostly a radio hit, and even though they actually put out three albums, the first was the only one to make even a ripple here. So you can imagine it's not a huge crowd here in the U.S. that'll be rushing to stores to pick up this, a document of the band's first show in ten years, recorded at the Brixton Academy. Still, if you remember the Farm fondly, you'll be pleased to hear that they sound a damned sight better than a lot of their peers who've been doing reunion gigs. (Ahem...I'm thinking of you lot, Happy Mondays.) Mind you, it's not a long DVD...eight songs from Brixton, plus an additional four recorded in the rehearsal rooms at the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts...but it's a well-performed one, with the majority of the songs coming from the band's debut, *Spartacus*. (We do, however, get a pair of numbers from their sophomore effort, *Love See No Colour*, along with a cover of Boyce and Hart's "Stepping Stone.") Pity, however, that they couldn't pay anyone to edit the text on the back of the box; it mistakenly identifies "All Together Now" as "Altogether Now" and "Sweet Inspiration" as "Sweet Exploration." ~Will Harris