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Public Image Limited: Live at Rockpalast

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Public Image Limited Live at Rockpalast (MVD Visual)

I'm not certain what it is that makes John Lydon so pissed off at the world, but his surly demeanor clearly didn't end the moment the Sex Pistols imploded onstage in 1978. Based on the just released German TV concert – filmed in 1983 – “Live at Rockpalast” shows Lydon with his post-Pistols band Public Image Limited stalking the stage for close to an hour, scowl chiseled on his faced only interrupted occasionally by a smirk that can only be interpreted as “Come on. Try and impress me bastards”.

Though the film comes off a little grainy, the concert is well worth it for fans of PIL, quite possibly one of the best second acts by a punk rocker. The show includes some of the group's best efforts like “This is Not a Love Song,” two versions of “Public Image” and a fantastic version of the Pistols’ “Anarchy in the UK” (a cover of your own band, now that's punk rock!).

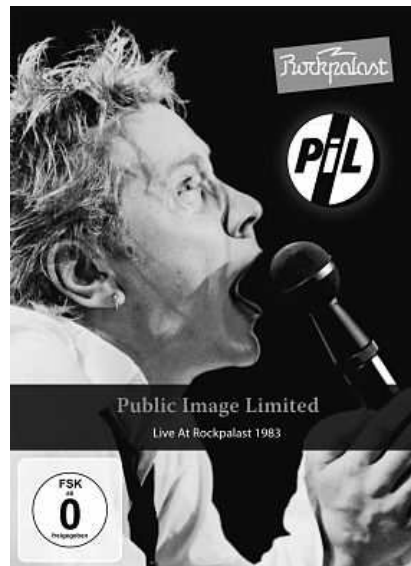
The extras include a painful to watch backstage interview with Lydon (but then again, when is it not painful to watch the angriest white man in the UK being interviewed) and some so-so rehearsal footage. The real sell for this DVD is the concert itself. Whether or not Lydon is having a good time, everyone else clearly is.

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