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The Fall: Ersatz GB

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An unusually settled band line-up cranks out claustrophobically heavy grooves

“I’m so sick of Snow Patrol!” Mark E Smith gurgles in The Fall’s 29th studio album, which occupies the opposite pole to the Snow Patrols and U2s of the world.

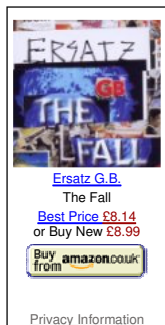
In place of their heartfelt epics, *Ersatz GB* finds Smith delivering cryptic state-of-the-nation diatribes as an unusually settled band line-up cranks out claustrophobically heavy grooves. Never mind Bono’s fears for U2: The Fall haven’t lost their touch.

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Ersatz GB

(Cherry Red Records)

★★★★☆



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