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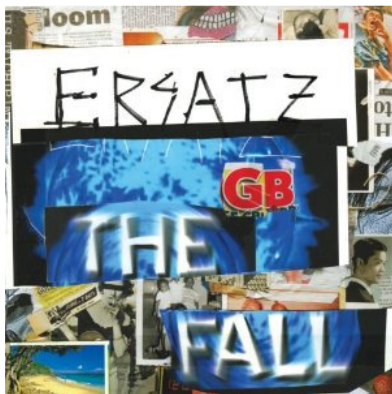
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The Fall  
**Ersatz G.B.**  
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It's tempting to compare vastly different eras of The Fall's career to one another. After all, The Fall has been a going affair for front man Mark E. Smith for five decades now, with *Ersatz G.B.* being the latest in a long line of releases. So to make the comparison, the latest, 2012 incarnation of The Fall documented on *Ersatz G.B.* reminds me most of the relatively accessible mid-1980s version, especially the lineup that recorded the classic album *The Wonderful and Frightening World of the Fall*. Musically, the band flirts with a slightly poppier yet hard-edged sound, including an atypical "metal" number, driven by the steady rhythm section of Keiron Melling on drums and David Spurr on bass. What little of Smith's garbled vocals I can make out involve his usual concerns – he's been lamenting "the highest British attention to the wrong detail" since 1982's *Hex Enduction Hour*. — *Joel Hunt*

Posted by bluecat on January 26, 2012 at 9:41 am.

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