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New music, collections and combinations

Veni vidi videos

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This week, I'm presenting an all-video column made up of releases that arrived late last year or since the beginning of January. The first one was on ABC television around 1971 and contains some charming Harry Nilsson original songs. The second two present different British bands from the first wave of English punk rock. The final offering presents master guitarist Michael Schenker leading his troops through a live rendition of his late-2011 "Temple Of Rock" album.

'The Point: The Definitive Collector's Edition,' Harry Nilsson (MVDvisual, HHHH 1/2)

This nifty, Maurice Sendak-meets-Yellow Submarine-style animated movie was produced by Academy Award winner Fred Wolf and narrated by Ringo Starr who is onscreen as a father reading the story to his son. The DVD contains bonus features on Harry Nilsson, the winsome songwriter who came up with the original fable, and the making, pitching and conceptualization of the movie.

This presentation was released in late November 2012. Things in the movie seem dated at times, since it was produced in 1971 but folks who remember the TV airing from long ago and/or the charming song "Me and My Arrow" (which is joined by other tunes here) will really enjoy this "pointed" but childlike film.

'Live Live Live in London 2002: Tiki Nightmare,' The Damned (MVDvisual, HHH)

These two DVD concerts were released Dec. 11 and present new millennium shows by two English