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Hot Wax

(Con D'or)

Former Husker Du co-founder, drummer Grant Hart has a bit of a reputation for being a tad bit erratic when it comes to releases, so the fact that he hasn't put out a proper album in 10 years, should come as little surprise.

Hot Wax, his fourth solo effort, is not a drastic departure from his previous solo works. Not nearly as aggressive or groundbreaking as the songs in Husker Du's cannon, Hart has a knack from writing strong pop melodies, particularly evident here on The Kinks-esque "Barbara" and "Charles Hollis Jones."

Hot Wax is a pleasant enough album, not particularly remarkable or memorable, but nine decent pop songs nonetheless. Hardly seems like it was worth the decade-long wait.

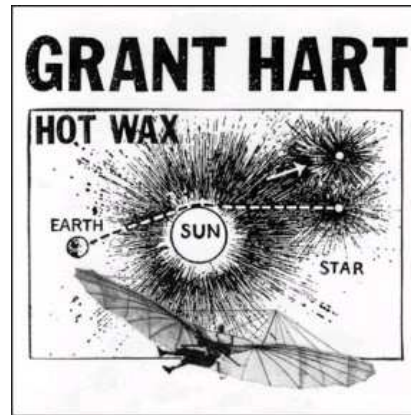
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