



Grant Hart – Hot Wax (Con D'or/MVD Audio)

CD

I love Husker Du. I mean, I really love Husker Du. And I couldn't care less that Grant Hart was 'just the drummer'—he was an integral part of that beautiful machine, and must therefore be regarded as some sort of genius. I wanted to get all of that out there - and out of the way - to make it clear that I approached 'Hot Wax' (Grant's sixth solo release since the demise of Husker Du) from a fan's perspective, which means I was predisposed to love it regardless. After repeated listens, I think I really do love it, but this is not a simple or easily accessible record. Every track is different from the one before it, with influences ranging from David Bowie ('School Buses Are For Children' and 'Sailor Jack') to the 13th Floor Elevators ('You're The Reflection Of The Moon On The Water') to The Who ('California Zephyr') and dozens of others lurking in the background. Grant put together a motley crew of musicians for this project, including most (or all... I'm not sure how many people make up the group) of Godspeed You! Black Emperor and Silver Mt. Zion, plus founding members of Australian bluegrass legends Rank Strangers. 'Hot Wax' is a beautiful record, full of sound and life and mystery, and I love it. **The Impaler**