

Grant Hart, formerly of seminal '80s band Hüsker Dü, let a full decade pass between his last solo album and his new disc, Hot Wax, a scrappy collection of Beatlesque melodies and psychedelic textures. The album features members of Godspeed You! Black Emperor and Thee Silver Mt. Zion, who show an unsuspected knack for getting to the emotional heart of a song.