

DVD QuickTakes

[After the Fire: Live at Greenbelt](#)



Don't recognize the name? Do the words "Der Kommissar" mean anything to you? Here's hoping so, since that's the only song After the Fire ever saw success with in the United States...at least partially because the song didn't become an international success until after the band had broken up! The line-up of the band featured in this 2004 concert, filmed at the Greenbelt Arts Festival in the UK, doesn't consist of all original members; in fact, the lead singer here is one Keith Smith, who makes jokes as to how he was in diapers when some of the songs were originally released and that the audience probably knows the songs better than he does. He sounds fine, and, honestly, most Americans wouldn't know he wasn't the original singer, anyway. (The drummer, however, is a dead giveaway as a new bloke in the band, since he looks like he's still in his teens.) The second half of the show, which includes the band's big hit as well as "Laser Love" and "Starflight," is better than the first, during which ATF sound like they're still getting their sea legs, but the first half does include "Dancing in the Shadows" and their instrumental, "1980-F." It's unlikely this DVD will sell more than a handful of copies, but if you still prefer '80s music to the current crop of radio fare, consider a rental. ~**Will Harris**

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