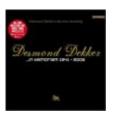
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DEKKER, DESMOND In Memoriam 1941-2006 Secret Records

When the world lost Desmond Dekker earlier this year they lost not only a pioneer to what is now considered ska, but someone that truly loved every aspect of life and this last ever recording that has been released is a look at an older guy who still knew what it took to make great music. With a bit of 60's soul influence throw into the mix of reggae beats and upbeat tempos you will be hard pressed to find anything wrong with this disc. Dekker will make you bounce around and provide a fun and energetic feel to your sound systems. It is always sad when a pioneer passes away, but when an album like this comes out and you realize just what is going to be missed you are that much more upset over the loss, but you can at least say he went out on top. This is a wonderful record for a lot of reasons, but mainly because it just goes to show that there is still great music being made even if you have to look to the older guys. Great job on this record and allageszine.com will miss you Desmond. (JK)