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DVD Review: Neil Young's Music Box: Here We Are In the Years

Neil Young

Neil Young's Music Box: Here We Are In the Years (Sexy Intellectual Production)

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The problem I have with this long titled DVD is that while it's all Neil Young all the time, you hardly have any Neil Young music and performance. It's all music critics (and you know how untrustworthy they are) talking about Neil's musical influences along with an old-time band mate or two but not anyone you ever heard of. There are snippets of Neil performing but not one whole song. It gets frustrating.

I mean if you are going to say that the Rolling Stones or the Beatles or even DEVO had a great influence on Neil, at least play one song through that you think shows that influence. It's like the old line "Don't talk about the fat lady singing. Bring her on and let her sing." And there's hardly a moment of Neil talking about the influences himself except for maybe Ian & Sylvia, heaven help us. Sometimes it's better not to know what influenced a musician you like. What's behind Door Number 3? Long scream when you see.

