



'Rare and Unseen,' Ian Dury (MVDvisual, HHHH)

This July 27 DVD presents a figure from British rock 'n' roll whose vocals are reminiscent of Keith Moon's "Uncle Ernie."

Ian Dury (May 12, 1942–March 27, 2000) penned some of the wittiest lyrics in the UK's late-1970's New Wave scene. This volume only features seconds of his biggest hit, "Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick" from the immortal "New Boots and Panties" album, but there are eight other performances. There's interview footage where Ian (who was stricken with polio as a child and died of liver cancer in 2000, but never asked for pity) isn't as easily understood as Cliff above; but he seems intelligent, big-hearted and a good example for disabled individuals. Highlights include a performance of "Sweet Gene Vincent" with Dave Edmunds on guitar.

- Ricky Flake