



Gun Club Cemetery

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Gun Club Cemetery is credited with a Faces / Stones sound, but, for my money, they actually base in the softer side of the solo works that issued from those combos: the non-rave-up sides of Ian McLagan, Ronnie Wood, Keith Richards, even a bit of Ronnie Lane as well as some of the adjunct groups and individuals who decided to tread this path long ago, such as Nils Lofgren. So far, comment has run to the effect that there's a lot of rough and ready rock going on here, but that's not really the case either. Yes, there are a few raucous tunes but the lion's share shows the gents tending to balladry, and *Take Me Down Again* demonstrates in what way: often laconic, sometimes upbeat (*No Regrets*), angsty, and often enough with an undercurrent of sublimated intensity. In such instances, Steve Ransome's piano usually makes its way to the forefront as Alex Lowe croons his plaints.

Why the name Gun Club Cemetery was chosen is hard to discern. The words connote violence and death but the roster of tracks tends in the opposite direction, as the song titles listed below evince. *Dead Inside* is probably the perfect middle-path song, rolling along in punchy fashion with a cool lead line from Lowe's guitar but neither in-your-face nor laid back in velvet. Every once in a while, some Bobby Whitlock leaks through, so throw a bit of Crazy Horse in with the comparatives as well. The venue, though, is Lowe's baby, that much becomes rapidly clear, and his influences are most definitely old school (catch the Dylan in *When You Need a Helping Hand*) and unashamed of the fact. In years past, Gun Club Cemetery would have toured with bands like Delaney & Bonnie or maybe J. Geils Band but I'm guessing that nowadays that would eligiblize them to share a stage with the Black Crowes and such.

Track List:

- The Hollow Face of a Shallow Man
- Sunset Shadows
- Take Me Down Again
- It's In Your Smile
- We Can't Always Be the Ones
- Get It Down
- All I Want From You
- Before Sunrise
- No Regrets
- Dead Inside
- When You Need a Helping Hand
- Needle Aside

All songs written by Alex Lowe.

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