

The Black Halos
We Are Not Alone

History Music

With *We Are Not Alone*, The Black Halos, Vancouver's own self-proclaimed "prime purveyors of punk rock 'n' roll" give a bit of a history lesson. Musically, the band sound like they've been plucked straight outta '81, with the gritty sounds of New York/DC punk.

There are no frills when it comes to *We Are Not Alone*. The album is produced perfectly, taking care of minor imperfections, but not apparent enough to sound immaculate. The punk history lesson only goes so far however, and the lyrics are where it ends. While the original punks sung of questioning authority and changing the world, The Black Halos' lyrics tend more toward the sleaze.

Although it's not a truly authentic throwback to the glory days, *We Are Not Alone* will certainly entertain.

• **Dave Sanders**