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JACKSON UNITED – ‘HARMONY AND DISOBEDIENCE’ CD

This is the first time I'd heard JACKSON UNITED that features Chris Shiflett, guitarist of the FOO FIGHTERS. This comes from a completely different angle to the FOO FIGHTERS, this is bare punk rock with a heavy nod to the CLASH and reminds me a lot of early LIVING END and more-recent MADCAP – the songs are bare but very powerful. I even hear a slight bit of BEDOUIN SOUNDCLASH in here, there are dominating bass lines, guitar bursts, solid choruses and reggae/ dub ingredients and a brawny melody at the heart of every song and an almost Paul Westerberg song-writing style that can't really be pinned-down, they certainly don't have a specific formula or style and that's a cool thing. Dave Grohl plays drums on half the record too. It's a very refreshing album that I could imagine Side One Dummy releasing because it's coming from that interesting and distinctive yet original direction.

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