

# In Tune

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**THE HANGMEN,  
“Lost Rocks: Best  
of the Hangmen”  
(Acetate) ☆☆☆½**

— Having toiled just out of the mainstream consciousness for more than a quarter century, punk outfit the Hangmen deserve credit for perseverance. For those who aren't familiar with their garagey sound, Acetate serves up the “Lost Rocks” career retrospective. The 18-track release includes 15 of the band's best tunes, plus three previously unreleased demos recorded in 1985-86.

Though they never had a hit in the traditional sense, the Hangmen shine on “Blood Red,” “Train,” personal favorite “Bent,” “Loners,” “Rotten Sunday,” “Downtown” and “Can't Stop That Train.” Among the demos, “Water Down Below” and “Mountain Home” are the winners. It's not too late to discover this often-overlooked band. (JS)