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CHROME DREAMS

BOB DYLAN'S GREENWICH VILLAGE/Various: Nice way to bait a hook. This set has nothing to do with Dylan but uses the bait to showcase a well programmed set of music and talk that was pouring out of the club doors when Dylan first hit the Village in 1961 and it really was a hotbed of creativity. I don't know if lo-fi nu bohos will appreciate this double cd set chock full of music produced before electronics with stuff like finger picking and dulcimers ruling the roost. Anyone who would find this of primary interest would already be on social security. Even if they have the time to seek this stuff out on Amazon, they wouldn't take the time or effort and this set will blow their minds. It's not a hit laden thing---more of a memory of a time and place. Even though most of these players never sold more than 10,000 records, they were folk music super stars and this collection reflects the stuff that made a lot of proto yuppies into night owls as they were slugging it out in grad school in the early 60s. We especially like that compiler Derek Barker gets a shout out in the liner notes. We feel his effort to track and remaster this stuff goes above and beyond what you get in a typical oldies themed compilation and sets the bar at a new height, particularly at the budgie price. Songs, singers and times that have been lost to time, they're all here even if most of the singers aren't anymore. A killer collection for getting you back in touch with your folk roots.