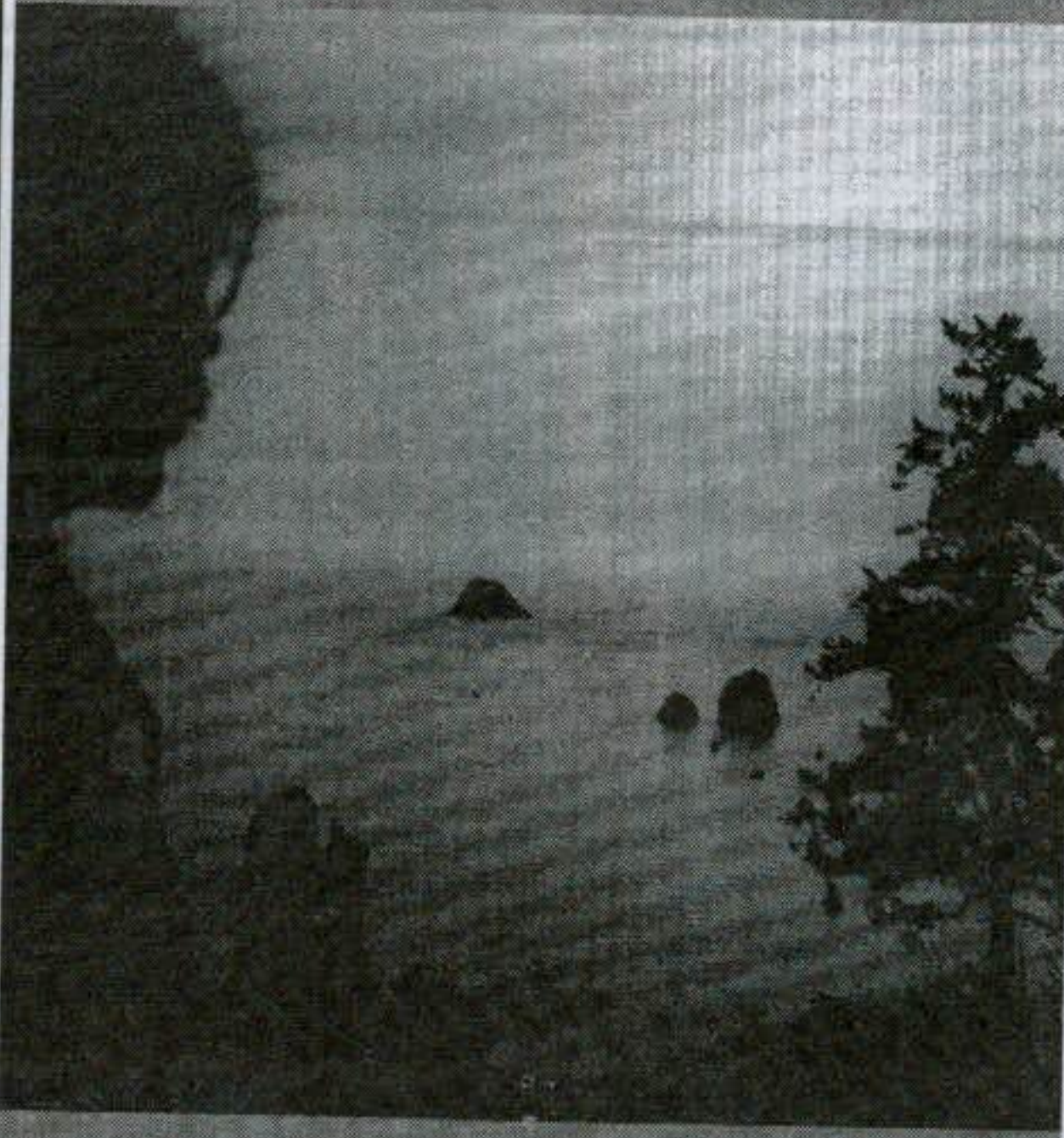


"SOME YOYO STUFF"

DON VAN VLIET
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(MUSIC VIDEO DISTRIBUTORS)

RUNNING TIME: 13 MINUTES

Captain Beefheart was an ultra-reclusive musician who had a four-and-a-half octave range and an intense creativity level to match. The close friend of Frank Zappa influenced scores of other music makers with his wacky lyrics and well-chosen rhythms during his Magic Band's heyday in the 60s and 70s.

Unfortunately, Captain Beefheart is no more. Now known as Don Van Vliet (still not his real name), the former psychedelic prodigy continues to paint and to remain out of the spotlight. In YoYo, fans will be able to see exactly why that is: Although some people close to the former Magic Band captain claim he simply wants to keep a low profile, the musician speaks so slowly in this ultra-short film that it's hard to imagine there isn't more to the story. It's been said that Vliet may be suffering from multiple sclerosis — but we may never really know for sure.

There is certainly an element of sadness to this story, and maybe a lesson or two to be learned. Near the end, friend David Lynch asks Vliet what he thinks about the sun in the desert. The eclectic artist responds, "I'm just glad it didn't stroke me!"

And then Vliet laughs. (MO)

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