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The Stranglers – Live '78, SF (MVD Video)

Yeah, we think classic British punk and it's all Sex Pistols and Clash and The Jam and The Damned, but

no one does much thinking or talking about this lot. Those snarky bass lines, that demented Farfisa, Hugh Cornwall's gruff, mannish and highly menacing vocals: this was punk with a capital P. And they really scared people, especially women, who were outraged at their misogynistic lyrics and openly contemptuous stance toward them. You listened and watched closely, it was obvious it was a joke, but the music and the poses were so convincing it was easy for those not really studying it all (and who does when we're talking rock lyrics) to be horrified. God damn, I mean you got these boorish looking types singing about offing acne-scarred girls and fucking rats in the sewers, while threatening one and all from the stage; it could be pretty frickin' chilling. Unless you caught the references to Trotsky and Percy Bysshe. This disc, way way too short at thirty minutes and seven songs, shows the quartet at the peak of their powers, and, while they would go on to produce a number of fascinating and highly arresting lps and 45s, they were never truly as interesting as here, when they were playing up their thugishness for all it was worth. There's got to be more of this stuff out there and if there is, we need to see and hear it.

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