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Performance videos catch musicians at their peak

"Seven Days Live," Poison

(Cherry Red/Music Video Distributors,

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This March 14 release captures Bret Michaels, Rikki Rocket, Bobby Dall and Richie Kotzen at the height of their international success, with a 1993 show recorded at London's Hammersmith Apollo.

Parents beware, even if you really loved Poison's hair-metal hits: Bret cusses frequently during his stage raps. Other than that, this concert is well-filmed with excellent sound quality. The hits are all here, including "Every Rose Has Its Thorn," "Talk Dirty to Me" and "Unskinny Bop."

If you'd like to join the crowd singing along, or just wanna rock out pre-grunge style, ask for this one at local retailers. Online shoppers, first Web site above or www.cherryred.co.uk.

"Live From Austin, TX," Merle Haggard

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This Oct. 30, 1985, performance (DVD and CD) captures Merle at his very best: singer, songwriter, instrumentalist and bandleader. Haggard blasts through a wonderful show with his horn-augmented Strangers; the show ranges from his classics like "Mama Tried" and "Silver Wings" to a rousing tribute to Bob Wills.

"Amber Waves of Grain" is still right in tune with today's climate, as well. Haggard fans have been treated to many "City Limits" shows, but this one has to rank as one of the best.

"Live From Austin, TX," Tony Joe White

(New West,
