Hawkwind: Out of the Shadows (MVD Visual) is a rare concert video from one of the U.K.'s longest-running psychedelic institutions. Recorded in Newcastle, England, in 2002, the band playfully romps through a broad selection of material from it's 30+ year career, with everything from later-period tunes "Angels of Death," "Assassins of Allah" and "Earth Calling" to classic warhorses like "Master of the Universe," "Hurry On Sundown" and "The Watcher." The current trio of bassist/singer Alan Davey, drummer Richard Chadwick and longtime guitarist/singer/leader Dave Brock is augmented by keyboardist Tim Blake (mainly of Gong, but also a Hawk around the turn of the 80s), original guitarist Huw Lloyd Langton and, most entertainingly, Arthur Brown of "Fire" fame. The latter's high-pitched melodrama is no substitute for Lemmy on "Silver Machine," but he's an entertaining presence nonetheless. The DVD also contains a long interview with Brock, who exhibits the memory loss of—we'll be kind—old age, but is otherwise quite affable and informative.

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