

Tim Buckley

My Fleeting House (MVD Visual)

Like most other pre-MTV artists, there aren't many video clips of Tim Buckley in existence. The eleven musical clips that do exist have been collected here for the first time, and interspersed with modern interview clips with his colaborators Larry Beckett and Lee Underwood, and David Bowne (author of "Dream Brother: The Lives and Music of Jeff and Tim Buckley") which give excellent insight into Buckley's life and career. What this DVD collection does best is show just how rapidly Buckley's music evolved over his seven year recording career - from folk-rock to avant garde jazz-folk, and finally to soul and R&B before his untimely death from a heroin overdose in 1974. The clips come from a variety of sources ("Song To The Siren" from a 1966 episode of the Monkees, two numbers from "Happy/Sad" from Dutch TV, and "The Dolphin" from a 1974 episode of The Old Grey Whistle Test...etc) and the audio-visual quality varies somewhat from show to show, but Buckley's unique voice and musical performances remain uniformly strong throughout. Fans of his music will definitely want to check this out.

- David Mansdorf