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Tim Buckley



My Fleeting House

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A hitherto scant archive is winningly augmented here.

This Buckley estate-approved package finds first generation sources of various US, UK and Dutch TV performances given between 1967-'74. Some of the clips have been available on YouTube for some time, but this DVD's superior sound/picture quality lays Buckley's soul bare, the *bêtes noires* that arguably led to his heroin overdose in 1975, aged 28, visible in his eyes even as he smiles angelically. From Micky Dolenz introducing Song To The Siren on The Monkees in 1967 to some career-defining *Starsailor*-era performances sourced from Pennsylvania TV station WITF, it's compelling, privileged stuff. The latter segment even sees Tim talk politics with Catch 22 author Joseph Heller. Elsewhere, a small but well-qualified coterie of talking heads – Buckley's lyrical collaborator Larry Beckett; his chief guitar foil Lee Underwood; Tim/Jeff Buckley biographer David Browne – ruminates on Tim's life and music between clips, but some of the nitty-gritty – Tim's dysfunctional, estranged relationship with son Jeff for example – is tip-toed around.

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