

COMMON ENEMY:

Living the Dream?: CD

Thrash, thrash, and more thrash that would've been lost in the shuffle of some mid-'80s Mystic compilation had they been around back then. The lyrics tackle hard-hitting subjects like

Pac Man, stealing gas, getting high, skateboarding, zombies, and so on. Their musical delivery is fast 'n' tight, a definite plus; it's better than the last thing I heard by 'em, and their luster goes much farther in smaller doses, but, ultimately, what I'm hearing isn't much above what can be heard coming from your average brand-spankin'-new band playing its first backyard party. -Jimmy Alvarado (Overdose On)