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- Chris Estey

[*X-Ray Spex, Live At The Roundhouse Station*](#) is a great little boxed set of dazzling photo-lyric book, live CD, and live DVD of this deeply beloved UK punk band's recent recollection of members. Leader Poly Styrene still shines boldly as a frenetic front-woman with anti-consumerist warrior moves, apocalyptically raving about plastic, junk food, people who behave like clichés, and general civilian feebleness. It seems like she's having a great time no matter how she pisses and moans. She is the harsh young edge of early punk that became hardcore, but the fun and experimental first wave UK punk rock of her original band match how young she must have been back then. The anthology kicks off with their best known anthem, "Oh Bondage, Up Yours!" which deplores wanting "little girls to be seen and not heard," but highlights for me are the protest mix-tape essential "Germ Free Adolescents" and the sax-driven ode to being a fuck up, "I Can't Do Anything." If you're tired of all the macho rockism of most punk nostalgia, don't miss this OG seed of girl riot and indie rebellion. (MVD)