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V/A - Up End Atom - A Tribute To Atom And His Package



I've always had a soft spot for Atom And His Package. Not only did the guy have some of the funniest song titles ever, he also had a knack for writing solid melodies. The fact that he lent being a nerd a certain cool and charm didn't exactly hurt things either.

Listening to "Up End Atom", I quickly found out I was not the only one who thought it was a shame when Atom hung up his Package and called it a day. Acts like Steinbeck, The Zambonis (with a little help from Atom himself), MC Lars and Zolof The Rock & Roll Destroyer all thought it worthwhile to devote an entire tribute album to the man. Is that tribute album worth listening to? Hell yeah!

mcchris comes out winning with a hiphop version of "Punk Rock Academy" that rivals the original in greatness while Yidcore does a great job of punking up "Avenger". Like I said before, Atom himself contributes vocals (and obviously the song) to The Zambonis' version of "Goalie" claiming that he's doing it just cuz he's friends with the guys, not because he thinks he's the bee's knees or anything. Whatever, it works and it's the goofy kind of move that made us love the man in the first place.

Both Locas In Love and The Golden Bloom both do a pretty good job as well with their cute as hell versions of respectively "I Am Downright Amazed At What I Can Destroy With Just A Hammer" and "Lying To You". There are only two not so good covers on here that I could've done without and they come from Math The Band and The Emotron, both of whom don't do the original songs justice.

Other than that this is a tribute that fans of Atom And His Package should have a field day with. Score: 7.5 out of 10 Hartless Hind Records POSTED BY PUNKROCKTHEORY AT 11:34 AM

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Recently our server crashed and we lost everything, including our whole database. Since work on the new site is taking a bit longer than expected, we're using this blog for now to post all the latest reviews and interviews.

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