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Up and At Them



Hey, for once a decent press release found its way into my inbox! Usually, I look at the subject line, and most stuff ends up in the trash. But when the subject read “Submission: Atom and His Package tribute album,” I am down like a sonofabitch.

[Atom & His Package](#) were one of those artists that popped up on a bunch of comps (when comps were still worth a damn), and I went absolutely batshit for him. Crazy Jewish dude with a synthesizer playing songs about the metric system? Hellllllllllll, yes. Then I bought a bunch of his stuff, and wondered why one-man synth covers of Fugazi and Geto Boys songs didn’t make other people flip out. Maybe it was songs about Enya? Maybe the voice? Who knows? All I know is that Atom & His Package is one of those artists that I loved and never got to see play live.

Anyhow, Atom & His Package ended, he did [Armalite](#), and I haven’t really heard anything about him since. I guess he had to retire because of Type 1 diabetes. [Hartless Hind Records](#) has put together a tribute record called *Up End Atom* ([nice Simpsons reference](#)), and four bucks from each disc goes to the [American Diabetes Association](#).

The tribute features acts like [Zolof the Rock & Roll Destroyer](#), [MC Lars](#), hockey-core outfit [the Zambonis](#), and - in what has to be the most perfect cover song / artist pairing *ever*, [mcchris](#) doing “Punk Rock Academy.”

I’m going to be watching the mail until this sucker shows. Seriously, that song alone is worth the purchase.

Steinbeck “[Possessions \(Not the One By Danzig\)](#)”
the Emotron - “[Me and My Black Metal Friends](#)”

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