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The Fall - ''Live At The Knitting Factory 2001'' CD / ''Live At The ATP Festival 2002'' CD - These fairly lo-fi audience recordings barely rise above 'bootleg' in terms of sound quality, but musically, the venerable and timeless Mark E. Smith vehicle is as angry and individual as ever. 30 years and running, Smith's cynical and biting garage rock has parallels to punk and early alt. rock, as well as the Kraut stuff of the 60's-70's, but The Fall have always refused to fit into any category, to their credit. Tracks like 'Kick The Can' and the driving 'Jim's The Fall' are highlights, as is the ominous closer, 'Dr. Buck's Letter'(all from the 'Knitting Factory' disc). From the ATP disc, 'Cyber Insekt' is raved-up and lively, and 'Way Round' ends on a heavy riff-rock note. Performance-wise, both of these CDs are worthy and , but Fall novices should look elsewhere for a better starting point. (MVD Audio)

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