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**Soft Machine Legacy; Live at the New Morning (Inakustik).
Hippy drippy: 3 ribs.**

Forty years later, it's no wonder that one of Britain's first psychedelic groups stuck to their jazz-rock roots here, de doo Dada-ing its way through four "celestial" songs in 43 minutes flat on the first disc. The second, six songs in 48 minutes and still devoid of a sung word, takes the band's moniker way too close to heart, however - showing off masterful yet woefully woozy improvisational musicianship in solos by drummer John Marshall, guitarist John Etheridge and horn player Elton Dean, who sadly died a mere two months after this last reunion. *David*

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