



DUG PINNICK - NAKED - MVD

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dUg Pinnick (unbelievably now in his 60s) of King's X fame has been involved in a myriad of solo and other collaborations over the years. This 11 song solo venture is the latest of these non-King's X releases. What You Gonna Do is catchy and simple (hard) rock with biographical lyrics. If You Fuk Up is reflective with the emphasis given to the lyrics. Speeding Love is enjoyable yet somewhat sludgy and grungy. Courage is perhaps more in the Pearl Jam or Nirvana vein but retains something of King's X and dUg Pinnick. Ain't That The Truth is laid back with the lyrics doing more of the bio thing one more time. That Great Big Thing features the trademark dUg Pinnick 'groovy' bass sound. The Point is a deeply reflective kind of ballad, once again sounding biographical. Take Me Away From You features a heavier sound and a bit of experimentation. I Hope I Don't Lose My Mind is over eight minutes, by far the longest song on Naked, and is another form of storytelling by Pinnick accompanied by some very good guitar work. Heart Attack is bass driven, livelier musically and has its share of catchiness. I'm Not Gonna Freak Out is certainly more reflective and personal and right to the point lyrically. The Naked title really fits here because a lot is revealed through both the music and lyrics especially. – Anna Tergel

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