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The Meatmen

COVER THE EARTH-(MEATMEN RECORDS)- After wowing audiences for most of the 1980's Tesco Vee and his Meatmen seemingly vanished for nearly the last two decades. Apparently this is the first record Tesco has been on in 13 years (or so says his website) and after nearly 2 decades in the Washington , DC area Tesco is back in Michigan (where he belongs). I'm not sure who he has playing with him on this one but suffice it to say the brothers Ramsey and McCullough are long gone (no James Cooper either) and the other three guys on here all have fake names but who cares, this is great. *Cover the Earth* is, as the title implies, a collection of 24 covers ranging from obvious stuff you'd expect from Tesco and his men of meat (G.G. Allin, Fear, Johnny Thunders, Motorhead, etc.) to some stuff that might surprise you (10CC, The Temptations, Jerry Lee Lewis, etc.). No surprise that *Cover the Earth* is terrific because for all of Tesco's slapstick knuckleheadness he is a huge music fan and loves to pay homage to his heroes (and is the world's biggest Abba fan, who they cover here with a rousing rendition of "So Long"). Don't get me wrong, **COVER THE EARTH** is lude, crude and socially unacceptable, which is why I love it. If you want to hear some high-octane , grunting scorch check out the version of Blue Oyster Cult's "Me 262" or Saxon's "Freeway Mad" and, of course, Fear's "I Love Living in the City." Funny too as I always thought what The Meatmen were doing was far superior to similar jokesters like Fear. Go to the web site listed below and tell Tesco how much you appreciate him and pick up a copy of **COVER THE EARTH** while you're at it. As it says on the inside cd booklet: Tesco Vee: a Michigan original since 1955. www.tescovee.com