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## Flipper

Love



Fight



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**Frisco's proto-grungers reformed, with Krist Novoselic on bass.**

"It's hard to do something real and different and new," groans Bruce Loose two tracks into *Love*, the second reunion album from Flipper, whose antagonistically slow-grinding sound – a late '70s riposte to hardcore's high-velocity – presaged grunge. Key nihilist Will Shatter, who snuffed it in '87, is replaced this time by Nirvana's admiring ex-bassist. Novoselic (who has since left the band), and with drummer Steve DePace and dronemeister guitarist Ted Falconi they certainly have

their nightmarish churn down pat – but therein lies the problem. Flipper were awe-inspiringly inept, ever on the cusp of degenerating into random noise – and were thus heroic. Play properly, and you're just not Flipper. Worse, these days Loose is not a man to shriek "sex bomb baby, yeah" over and over for five minutes, and his cant about TV and parents doesn't feel like a suitable replacement – or "different and new". *Fight*, recorded live in '07, is thankfully more ragged.

*Andrew Perry*

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