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The Wake known to us as one of the better known American Goth bands from the nineties, they have released this two disc set made up of a 13 track CD with rare and previously unreleased material and a DVD with six tracks filmed live in Mexico City and a couple of studio videos. Now i was a huge fan of goth rock when i was younger with the tendency to live in black but hey if i want to age disgracefully that's my choice and i was more than a little pleased to see this package being released.

It is nice to see the live material from Mexico but because this footage is from 1995 the quality is poor and now most music DVDs have interviews and far more promotional material on, this seems somewhat bland in comparison. I seriously doubt the dvd on it's own would win them new fans, old fans are probably ecstatic to see Troy Payne, Rich Witherspoon, James Tramel, Daniel C., Rob Brothers again no matter what.

The CD however is far more exciting! ten classic tracks with "Harlot" probably the track i remember with a dirge type smile, please god tell me it wasn't really released in 1990? My mother was still telling me to wear anything other than black and was my funeral type music entirely necessary! "Burial" (partially exhumed mix) from 1989 is the never before released track and probably my favourite on the CD.

Ok so there is no new material on here but it does look as if the The Wake could well be back with this release and hopefully we are to see new material from this influential band, the goth rock scene has been a little too quiet for a little too long for my taste.

Dark sounds, dark lyrics, dark riffs. I enjoyed the CD enough to pop my dreads back in, stifle the urge to reach for my black eyeliner and phone my mum and tell her goth rock is back.

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