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Go West – The King Of Wishful Thinking Live



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Go West is a British Pop duo that had a couple of hits from 1987 – 1992 in the U.S., but are only remembered for the most part by their hit *The King of Wishful Thinking* from the 1990 cinematic atrocity **Pretty Woman**. Now, they have issued a live concert on DVD called **The King of Wishful Thinking Live** and it offers 17 songs, including the title song as finale, plus most of their older hits (which they get out of the way in the beginning with *Don't Look Now* and *Faithful*) and a few covers that do not work. This is most evident not only in the fact that all the songs sound the same, but in the awful cover of the Smokie Robinson & The Miracles' classic *The Tracks Of My Tears*. Yet another bad cover of a great Motown classic, they drag it out about as badly as playing the old 45rpm vinyl single at 16 rpms!

So that means this is for fans only, and this is a mixed bag for them. I have no idea how this would compare with the original studio versions and could not care less, but it is competent enough and the playback is not half bad. The anamorphically enhanced 1.78 X 1 image is somewhat colorful, but has some serious detail trouble, including micro-digititis on the edges. The Dolby Digital 5.1 mix is the nice surprise here, with some real articulation and even some fullness. Extras include an interview where they are well spoken enough, outtakes, brief "blog" text, and "Glow Preview" about their next project. Now you know.

- Nicholas Sheffo

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