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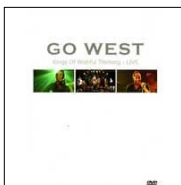
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Go West

Kings of Wishful Thinking - LIVE

Angel Air Waves/MVD

Like Iceland but colder, mums Go West for the reunion of 80's pair Peter Cox and Richard Drummie.

Live DVD's are a little bit crap generally; usually released to coincide with Christmas or an inadvertent return to form normally owed to a soundtrack/television plug (can't wait for the Pete Burns/Dead or Alive DVD), a concert caught on film is always just that. Without the weight-shedding heat that only a small venue can provide or the visceral thrill of touching a strangers bum, sat in an arm-chair watching your favourite band going through the motions is like watching yourself have bad sex - entertaining to a point but ultimately frustrating.

The Go West DVD is no different, suffering as it does the invisible restraint that a camera puts on the performers. Unable to break free from position, the famed duo of Cox and Drummie look strangely inanimate as they go through the motions, allowing themselves only the occasionally tangent such as a thrown arm or a nod to the ever-adoring crowd. Ah yes, the crowd. Although filmed in a relatively small venue, never before have I set eyes upon so many shoulder-pads and practical haircuts, even the men in the audience look like they're capable of bearing children.

With regards to the music, most songs will be new to those under the age of mortgage but old classics like the King of Wishful Thinking still sound overly familiar thanks to Steve Wright and others; before closing with that track however Go West still manage to exhilarate themselves and the crowd with We Close Our Eyes and a pretty brave cover of Smoky Robinson's Track of My Tears.

With a total runtime of almost three hours, this DVD is fairly limited in its appeal thanks to its relatively cheap production and the fact that Go West's hardcore fanbase were probably all in attendance on the night, but nonetheless it's passable as far as these things go. Still crap though.

By Ross Breadmore

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